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IS THIS THE WAY AHEAD?

A planning notice details what could be happening at Nickoll's Quarry. Developers' plans for more than 1,000 houses at the site with the so-called Martello Lakes scheme have upset many people in the area who are worried about over-development and traffic - now there are flood concerns.

BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

THE increasingly contentious plans to build more than 1,000 homes at Nickoll's Quarry in Hythe are under further fire due to flooding fears.

Concerns have been raised about flood insurance on Romney Marsh after comments made by Baroness Young, chief executive of the Environment Agency, to Channel 4's Dispatches programme.

Plans for the so-called Martello Lakes development, which would see 1,050 new homes built at the former stone quarry, have outraged people on the Marsh, who are worried about the impact on the surrounding area.

Baroness Young said: "We'd like the Association of British Insurers to be tougher - we'd like the insurance companies to be tougher and to simply refuse to insure properties built on floodplains against our advice."

Homeowners are worried that by building a barrier around the quarry, which acts as a drain for the surrounding area, the developers are putting nearby houses at risk.

John Meek, one of the residents opposing the proposals, said: "Any schoolboy knows that the removal of natural drainage will result in flood difficulties elsewhere."

"Residents around here are frightened they may be flooded out and will not be able to purchase flood damage insurance."

Damian Collins, Conservative candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, has written a letter to Baroness Young asking her to clarify the Environment Agency's position.

In the letter, Mr Collins asks: "How many homes in Shepway do you believe could be at risk of losing their cover, should insurers follow your

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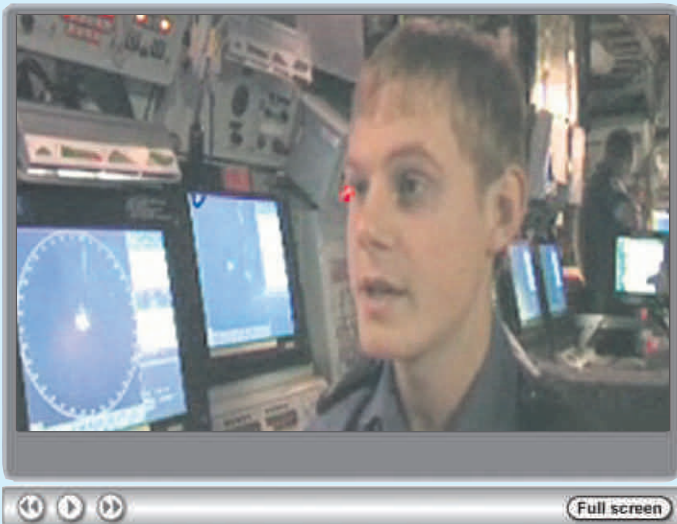
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Anger at 'sham' consultation over branch closures

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

THERE has been an angry reaction to the news that all five post offices in Shepway earmarked for closure will indeed shut.

The branches are Enbrook Valley, Littlestone, Saltwood, Seabrook Road and Shorncliffe, and the closures will begin in January.

Damian Collins, Conservative candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, laid the blame for the closures at the Government's door.

"The Post Office is enforcing a policy set by Alistair Darling and the Government that fails to take into account local concerns.

"The Post Office was going to was going to close 2,500 branches across the country, if it wasn't these offices they would have closed others."

When asked if the Post Office had ignored the consultation Mr Collins agreed: "In brutal terms, yes they have ignored it.

"I have heard people at the post office saying that it didn't matter how many signatures were collected. The Post Office is withering on the vine."

Lynne Beaumont, leader of Shepway's Liberal Democrats, said that the Post Office had taken no notice of public opposition to the closures.

"The consultation process has been a sham," said Cllr Beaumont, "the closure of these five branches mean that the Post Office has closed 15



IGNORED: Lynne Beaumont feels public opinion was not taken into consideration

throughout Shepway since 1999, including the Crown Post Office in Folkestone, which is due to close in March 2008.

"The closure of the urban post offices came first, we all knew that the second round of closures would be rural and hit these rural communities with a devastating blow.

"How can this be justified when many elderly residents are going to be left without access to a local Post Office?"

Robert Bliss, leader of Shepway council said: "We did a lot of lobbying and our case for wanting to keep these post offices open was based on facts - not rhetoric.

"I don't think there is any appeal process, so it looks like the end of the road for the campaign."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Practice puts its back into new home

LYDD Osteopathic Practice has moved into new premises.

The practice, which offers cranial and structural osteopathy, has relocated to 6 Park Street, Lydd.

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For more information, phone 01227 264655.

Quizzical opportunity at members pub

THE COUNTY MEMBERS pub in Lympe has a new manager.

Rod Aspinall took over the pumps in October and is planning to hold a 70s night on Friday.

Mr Aspinall is also hoping to resurrect the pub quiz as soon as he can find a compere.

If you feel you have the authority to quiz master then get in touch with Rod on 01303 264759.

Home is proud to be named leading light

WESTVIEW care home in Folkestone has been named as a leading light in providing support to people with learning difficulties by the Pride of Craegmoor Awards.

The manager of the home, Clare Bonner received the award from Falklands War survivor Simon Weston and Craegmoor chief executive officer Ted Smith at a ceremony at the Hilton Puckrup Hotel near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.

Developer denies increased flood risk

FROM FRONT PAGE

advice? Could this include some long-established communities in Romney Marsh, as well as new developments?"

Developer Cofton says it has undertaken assessments showing the proposal will not increase the flood risk to adjacent property.

Mr Meek, meanwhile, has also raised objections to plans dealing with the increase in road traffic from the site.

"The developers seem to think that moving some traffic lights on the A259 will solve any problems with congestion," said Mr Meek. "Where are the people who live in the terraces on Dymchurch Road meant to park?"

Cofton says it has proposed measures that will reduce congestion, including encouraging walking and improving public transport, but do acknowledge that during construction

"there will be an increase in HGV traffic bringing material into the site between early 2008 and 2010".

A spokesman for Shepway council said the application for Martello Lakes had yet to be considered by the planning department's development committee. "All representations will be taken into account when the committee meets to consider the application," he said.



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Triennial gets Turner Prize winner's input

Mark Wallinger's artwork will be displayed in town

BY PHIL REILLY

THIS year's Turner Prize winner Mark Wallinger is producing an exclusive artwork for the first Folkestone Triennial – but its exact nature is a closely guarded secret.

Mr Wallinger won the prestigious award for his work *State Britain*, a reconstruction of anti-war protestor Brian Haw's display that stood in Parliament Square before being taken down by police last year.

Mr Wallinger is one of 23 artists taking part in the Triennial, a cultural event during which public works of art will be installed around the town next summer.

Another of the Triennial artists, Nathan Coley, was shortlisted for the Turner Prize for his installation work *Camouflage Church*.

The festival's German curator Andrea Schlieker said: "All I can say is that Mark is very astute and very interested in politics and history and he will obviously take that political angle and develop a work around that."

"As much as I would like to tell you exactly what his artwork will be, I can't."



STATEMENT: Mark Wallinger (below) won the prestigious Turner Prize for *State Britain* (above)



"I have known Mark for a long time and I am so glad for him. I have always been a huge admirer of his work."

"That Mark and also Nathan are taking part in the Triennial shows the pedigree of the artists involved."

"I am really thrilled because I had no idea when we signed them up that they would get nominated for the Turner Prize."

Some of the Triennial artworks have been announced, including a series of bronze casts of baby clothes by Tracey Emin which will be littered around the town and is intended as a poignant reference to Folkestone's high number

of teenage pregnancies. Another will be an enormous mobile office in the shape of a giant gull which will be staffed by bird experts.

It is the work of Mark Dion, a specialist in large-scale installations, who on visiting Folkestone last year was struck by the public's dislike of the creatures.

The HG Wells-based theme of the event is *Tales of Time and Space*, and each of the artists visited the town between April and August last year for inspiration.

HG Wells lived in Sandgate, at Spade House, from 1901-1909, writing several of his works during the period.

The project is the showpiece of the Creative Foundation, whose chairman is the billionaire philanthropist Roger De Haan.

It is hoped the Triennial will take place every three years.

Hard-hitting film is industry gold

A POWERFUL film on the subject of road safety entitled *Licence To Kill?* has scooped a gold award in an industry competition.

The production made by a partnership including Kent Fire and Rescue draws from personal testimonies of members of the emergency services who have witnessed traffic carnage as well as moving tales from those who have lost loved ones.

It was nominated first in the Not for Profit category of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations Pride Awards.

Other groups which took part in its making included Kent County Council, the Safety Camera Partnership and the South East Ambulance Service.

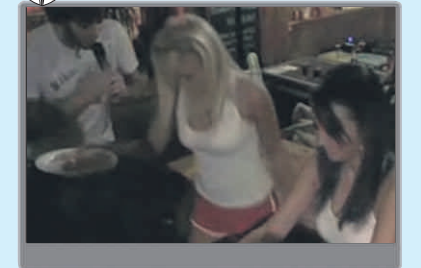
Stuart Skilton of the fire service said: "*Licence to Kill?* is designed to deliver a hard-hitting message to young drivers by making them aware of their responsibilities on the road and the potentially lethal results of failing to do so."

"Too many young drivers are dying or being seriously injured on our roads, including passengers, as well as other road users."

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Cheriton residents air views

THE first meeting of the Cheriton Partners and Communities Together (PACT) attracted more than 50 people despite stormy weather.

The meeting, at St Andrews Church hall, was organised by PCSO Mark Ball after complaints from residents about anti-social behaviour in Cheriton Road.

As a result of this, police arranged with Shepway council for CCTV cover to be provided. PCSOs were also placed on patrol around schools in the area.

Cheriton residents said they were pleased with the way their concerns had been tackled. Those at the meeting identified other problems in Cheriton that PCSO Ball said he would work to address.

Among these were commercial vehicles parking on pavements while making deliveries, smoking outside pubs and cycling on footpaths.

PCSO Ball said: "I would like to thank the residents for turning up on such a wet night. We will work with our partners to address the issues that were raised and will report our progress at the next PACT meeting which I am arranging in January."

One more assault on ex will put man straight in prison

CHRISTOPHER HARROW is facing a jail sentence if he assaults his ex-partner again after a court heard he poured water over her in the street.

Harrow, 24, of Dover Road, Folkestone, admitted emptying a bottle of water on pregnant Tanya Harris and spitting at her.

Amanda Ridge, prosecuting at the town's magistrates court, said Miss Harris was on her way to the doctors because she was feeling sick. She was pushing a child in a pushchair.

She saw the defendant come out of his flat and a row ensued.

Miss Ridge said: "The defendant walked towards her with a bottle of water in his hand which he poured over her. When it was nearly empty he shook the bottle so the last drops came out. The defendant spat at her and then laughed and left."

Mark Trafford, defending, said Harrow and Miss Harris couldn't live together and couldn't be apart.

He said there had been previous incidents in which Miss Harris had

assaulted Harrow. Mr Trafford said: "Their relationship is volatile. Going out his door he noticed someone had written on his door. He recognised the handwriting immediately."

"He looked over to the other side of the road and saw the lady immediately. He was going to ignore them, but he was met with a torrent of abuse. He knows he should have carried on walking, but words were exchanged about the graffiti on the door."

"He admits squirting water over her. The assaults have not been one-sided – my client bears the marks of where Miss Harris has hit him with fists and a frying pan."

Harrow was given a 120-day prison sentence suspended for 12 months, plus a year's supervision order.

Bench chairman Anthony Offord said: "One slip and you know where you will be going. Next time you turn up here you might as well bring an overnight bag with you. You know where the buck stops – it stops with you."

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Cross-Channel celebrations

FOLKESTONE will see a festival of lights this weekend as hundreds of lanterns are carried by school children in a parade through the town's streets.

The procession, on Saturday, is part of the Sign of the Times trails project, which has been organised by the Boulogne, Shepway and Canterbury Cooperation Association (BOSCO) to promote cross-channel friendships.

On Saturday, December 8, children from Hawkinge Primary School, Folkestone School for Girls and the Folkestone Academy travelled to Boulogne for the first part of the trans-channel event. They were joined by counterparts from French schools, as well as fire eaters and sleighs, for the parade.

Now the parade will continue its route across the channel when the procession sets off outside Debenhams in Sandgate Road at 5pm.

Officer supports us with carols

A POLICE Community Support Officer has organised a Christmas carol service at an old people's home.

The service, at Walmsley House in Princess Street, Folkestone, was set up by PCSO Lesley Jarman and will see children from Castle Hill Community School leading the singing, as well as music from the Salvation Army band.

The service is today, Wednesday, from 2pm to 4pm.

PCSO Jarman said: "The carol service is to bring members of the community together, the young and the not so young, to share some time at this special time of year. I am grateful to Castle Hill Community School and the Salvation Army for getting involved."

For more information, phone PCSO Jarman on 07772 226110.

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON



SILENT PLEA TO DRIVERS

Hundreds of actors have performed a mime to spread the message to the county's drivers that drinking and driving wrecks lives.

Some 250 young people gathered outside Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, on Monday as part of Kent Highway Services' biggest Christmas anti-drink-drive campaign.

Each of the 250 actors at County Hall represented one of the people in Kent who are killed or injured by drinking and driving each year and they performed a mime with the message that drinking and driving wrecks lives.

KHS road safety operations manager Steve Horton said: "We think our silent message will make people think twice about drinking and driving this year."

"Over the festive period more people than ever get tempted to drink and drive. The message Kent Highways Services want to get across is that one drink is one too many if you are planning to get behind the wheel."

The launch of this year's drink-drive campaign is being supported with a series of television adverts which represent the mime.

Water conservation takes a step forward

FOLKESTONE and Dover Water Services (FDWS) will be testing a new tariff system aimed at reducing water use.

After the introduction of comprehensive metering in the Lydd area, which saw households charged according to the amount of water they used, FDWS are testing a stepped rate tariff system, which will see customers charged a lower rate for an initial amount and a higher rate for any additional water used.

FDWS calculates the essential amount of water needed for an average household is 80 cubic metres a year, or 219 litres a day. This includes cooking and washing. Larger households will be able to claim an increased volume for essential use; this exception will also apply to customers with special medical needs.

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

The stepped tariff is aimed at encouraging people to conserve water, said FDWS metering and water efficiency manager, Ian McAthys.

"We think that a socially responsible stepped tariff will encourage further water saving, reduce environmental impacts and lead to lower bills for many customers."

"Research based on a comparison of the savings made under the existing tariff and the stepped tariff will help the company to understand how it can achieve a more sustainable use of water resources."

Mr McAthys said the introduction of meters in Lydd was assisting customers in keeping a check on how much water they were using.

FDWS launched the metering scheme after consulting with Ofwat, Defra, the Environment

Agency and the Consumer Council for Water – all of whom have agreed to the principles of the trial.

Howard Davidson, regional director for the Environment Agency said: "We recognise water meters as a key tool in reducing our water use across the south east."

"We currently use more water per person than any other region in the UK, we see this trial as an important step in rolling out metering more widely."

David Bland, chairman of the Consumer Council for Water, said: "We have verified that this scheme has been carefully designed to take account of vulnerable customers and others with special needs; and we will be on the look-out for any evidence of a rise in 'water poverty'."

"Given these safeguards, we hope that the consumers concerned will co-operate with the company in this project."

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Airport's evidence slammed



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

GROUNDING? Lydd Airport Action Group says expansion plans for Lydd airport are 'riddled with inconsistencies'

A LEADING aviation expert has labelled the proposed expansion of Lydd airport as untenable.

Malcolm Spaven, who has published a report into the plans, says claims by the airport about the impact of its planned expansion on the surrounding area are "riddled with logical inconsistencies".

The Spaven report, which was commissioned by the Lydd Airport Action Group (LAAG) to analyse the information the airport had submitted to Shepway District Council, found the information provided by London Ashford Airport (LAA) about the airport's expansion contained crucial inaccuracies.

In a statement submitted to the council by the airport, LAA claims that "an analysis of how increased operations will fit into en route airspace is not necessary for the assessment of planning applications".

The Spaven report refutes this saying: "The routes which commercial services from Lydd must follow to be integrated into the established en route airspace structure will dictate the flight paths which the aircraft must follow."

Application

It also accuses LAA of inflating its current level of large aircraft flights to disguise the increase in air traffic.

It states: "The 'current conditions' scenario presented in the runway extension and terminal building documents is invalid since it claims regular commercial service use of the airport by aircraft types which have in fact rarely, if ever, used the airport."

The flight tracks map that were submitted by the airport, which shows the proposed flight paths, also contains numerous mistakes, according to the report.

It says: "At present, the airports proposals for departure routes appear to show appear to show all Boeing 737/Airbus A319 departures from runway 21 turning right, passing over New Romney and departing

■ BY ROB LIVINGSTONE

south-east towards France. This route is currently impossible because the airways into which these aircraft would be climbing are one way only, to the north-west."

The flight tracks map also misidentifies the restricted airspace around Dungeness nuclear power station, says the report.

"This continued error means that all of the left-turn departures from runway 21, and some of the right-turn departures, are shown infringing the restricted airspace."

It also notes that, "because of the inaccuracies and omissions in the assumed flight tracks, every one of the noise contour maps presented in the Community Noise Impact reports is flawed".

A spokesman for LAAG, Louise Barton, said: "This report confirms what we suspected all along – the basic information on the airport's impact was incorrect."

"The number of flights has been deliberately inflated."

"Either the airport will have to resubmit all the information again or Shepway council will have to turn down the application to extend Lydd airport."

Lydd airport's managing director, Zaher Deir, accused the LAAG of scaremongering before giving his own warning about what would happen to Romney Marsh if his plans did not go ahead.

"I have every respect for the protestors, but unfortunately they continue to twist information. If this development doesn't go ahead, the local economy will suffer," he said.

"It's time LAAG stopped criticising everything we do and realise that airport development can deliver the jobs and regeneration that this area so desperately needs."

Shepway council is due to meet on Wednesday, January 30, to make a final decision on the airport's planned expansion.

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Charity runner faces up to a very grim challenge

A HYTHE woman has completed a gruelling all-terrain run to raise money for charity.

Gillian Orman, 38, ran, waded and crawled along the eight-mile course on MOD land in Aldershot as part of the Grim Challenge.

She was seeking to raise money for HFT, formally known as the Home Farm Trust.

Gillian, who took part in the event on Saturday, December 1, with her husband Geoff, has already raised more than £200.

"We were exhausted, but it was really good fun," said Gillian. "I'm a member of the Folkestone running club and did complete a small triathlon earlier this year to prepare me for the Grim Challenge."

"We live in Hythe, close to the seafront and I have been running in the sea as part of my training program."

"I have to say that I feared the worst, but the event was a lot of fun."

HFT provides services to people with learning disabilities, including care homes and day services.

To make a donation go to the website www.justgiving.com/gillianorman.

Man appears in court over drowned pony

A MAN from Dymchurch has admitted causing unnecessary suffering to a pony that drowned.

Ian Deer was washing the pony in the River Eden on June 8 at the Appleby Horse Fair in Cumbria when he drowned the animal.

Deer, 21, admitted the charges last week, at Eden magistrates court.

He was bailed and will return on February 20, to face a Newton hearing – a special hearing held when a defendant has pleaded guilty, but the mitigating facts are disputed.

Temporary community warden to take charge

LYMPNE has appointed a temporary community warden to patrol the village.

Paul Jarman will be covering Lympe, as well as West Hythe, until a permanent community warden can be appointed.

Community wardens patrol to deter anti-social behaviour and to deal with issues raised by residents.

Paul can be contacted on 07773 396708.

Meanwhile Lympe Village Hall is preparing to hold its New Year's disco to welcome 2008. The disco is open to all ages and will start at 8pm on Monday, December 31.

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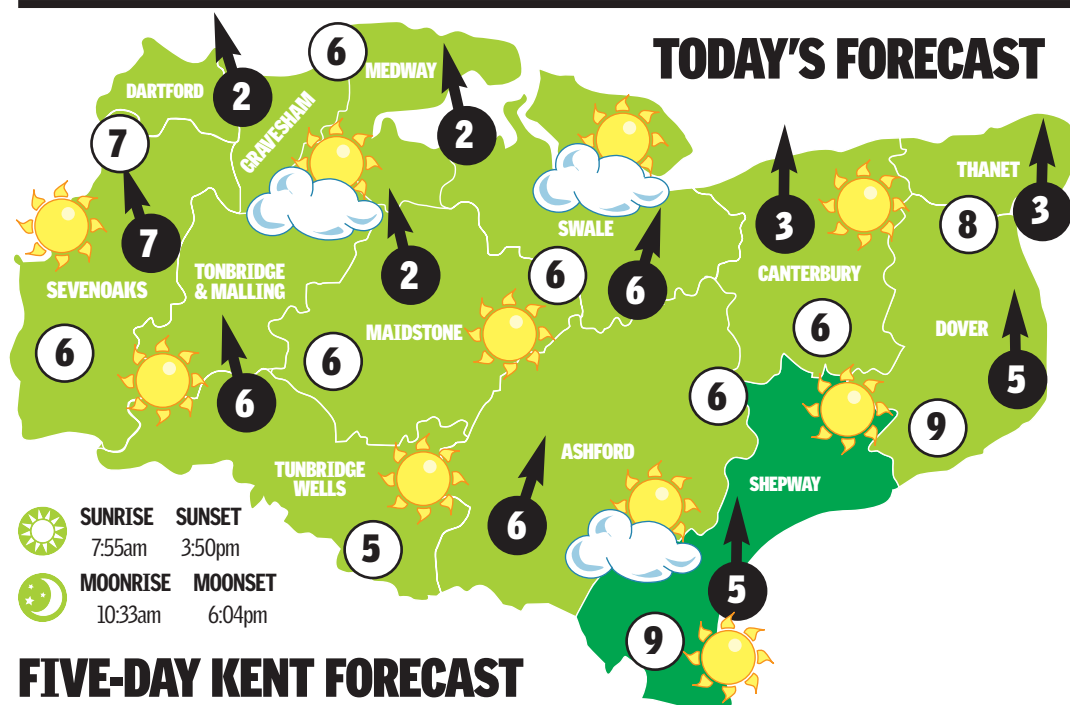
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Dover	Saturday	2.11pm	6.0m
	Sunday	3.03pm	5.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	1.59pm	6.7m
	Sunday	2.50pm	6.6m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2.57pm	4.5m
	Sunday	3.47pm	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	4.03pm	5.3m
	Sunday	4.51pm	5.2m
Whitstable	Saturday	4.02pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4.52pm	4.8m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	9°C	Madrid	12°C
Athens	17°C	New York	3°C
Barcelona	16°C	Paris	9°C
Beijing	0°C	Rome	13°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	22°C
Cape Town	23°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	11°C
Gibraltar	16°C	Vancouver	0°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	3°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	23°C

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Canterbury	5°C	5°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Chatham	5°C	5°C	3°C	5°C	5°C
Dartford	6°C	4°C	4°C	5°C	5°C
Dover	5°C	3°C	4°C	4°C	5°C
Faversham	5°C	3°C	4°C	5°C	5°C
Folkestone	5°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	4°C
Gillingham	6°C	3°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Gravesend	6°C	3°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Maidstone	5°C	5°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Ramsgate	4°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	4°C
Rochester	5°C	5°C	3°C	5°C	5°C
Sittingbourne	5°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Sevenoaks	5°C	1°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
Tonbridge	5°C	1°C	5°C	5°C	5°C
Tun Wells	5°C	1°C	5°C	5°C	5°C

French children join in Winter Wishes parade

FOLKESTONE will see a festival of lights as hundreds of lanterns are carried through the town. The Winter Wishes procession, on Saturday, will see children from Shepway joined by youngsters from Boulogne, as well as members of the public to light up the winter night.

The event has been organised the Boulogne Shepway and Canterbury Cooperation Association (Bosco), with help from the European Interreg programme, which provides funding for cross channel projects.

Art collective Strange Cargo will be holding free lantern building sessions at the Georges House Art Gallery in Folkestone's Old High Street in the run-up to the event.

The sessions, which are open to the public, will be held on Friday, between 3-7pm and on Saturday, between 10am-2pm.

The parade will be accompanied by the Carnival Collective, a 25-piece samba band from Brighton.

The procession follows a similar event held in Boulogne last Saturday, which saw children from Hawkinge Primary School, Folkestone School for Girls and the Folkestone Academy join French school children, for the annual St Nicholas day parade.

Now the parade will complete its route across the channel when the procession sets off from outside Debenhams in Sandgate Road at 5pm.

Images from the procession will also be used in the forthcoming bi-lingual photo trail Other People's Photographs, which will also be based in Folkestone and Boulogne.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

AUDREY WIND



Q How did you get involved in the Enigma project?

A I travelled up to Tully Hill in Scotland for Wren training and during the second week half a dozen of us were told to report to the castle on the hill.

We waited up there and the first one was called in. When she came out, she walked straight out of the door – we were all thinking we had done something wrong, we were absolutely terrified.

When it was my turn I went in and there was a big oak table in this castle room and about a dozen people sitting along it, some in civilian clothes and some in uniform. There was a high-ranking Wren officer at the centre of the table, and she said: "We want you to do something that is extremely secret – do you want to go away and think about it?"

What we didn't know was that they had been observing us very closely and getting in touch with our local police force, checking if we had any subversive tendencies.

I said I would do whatever it was and she said: "Once you leave this room, you must never mention this interview to any living person".

At that stage of the war [August 1944] there were no Bombe machines left in Bletchley Park. They had all gone to out-stations where most of the Bombe work was done, so I was sent to Eastcoat station.

We went there and we still didn't know what it was we were going to be working on.

We were gathered in a room and addressed by this man who I later found out was Oliver Lawn, who had come down from Bletchley Park, and he told us we would be working on decoding the German Enigma machine.

Q What was it like working on the Bombe machine?

A We were only 18. It was a tremendous responsibility – there is no doubt about that – and it was always being drummed into us that people's lives depended on us.

We had to swear on The Bible that we would take the secret to our deaths, which made a great impression on me at that age.

We were surrounded by the machines and the noise they made reverberating off the concrete floor.

We worked eight-day shifts at full pelt – you can imagine how tired we got.

We did a week of day shifts from eight to four, then you changed to a week of evening shifts from four to midnight, and a week of night shifts from midnight to eight, so that there was always a watch on.

You never got used to sleeping at the same time, you would just about get used to sleeping at night and then you would go onto evening shifts, and then onto night watch.

Because we were in the Wrens they felt we should keep up some naval traditions, so we had to go to divisions in the mornings after coming off the night watch.

Winston Churchill said to King George VI

that we were the geese that laid the golden eggs but never cackled.

Q How did it feel to be helping the convoys against the U-boats?

A The Merchant Navy has never had proper recognition of the losses it suffered.

In January 1942, 29 of our merchant ships were sunk – 50 in February, 95 in March and 173 in June.

I still cannot imagine loss of life on that scale – it is difficult to comprehend.

We were breaking the army and air force code fairly consistently, but until 1943 we did not have much success in the Atlantic.

One of the biggest helps we had was HMS Petard in the Mediterranean which sighted and sank U-boat 571, capturing the keys for next month's code.

By the time the captured code keys got to Bletchley Park, they were out of date and were not an awful lot of good, but this gave us the breakthrough and the tables began to turn.

Hitler called a top-level meeting with Goering and Hess and all the other warlords and they came to the same conclusion that they had done before – that the Enigma codes were impregnable.

Q Do you think there should be more recognition of the work of the code-breakers?

A I don't think we were worried about recognition – we were focusing on the outcome of the war.

QA Audrey Wind was involved in decoding the German Enigma machine during World War Two. Here she talks to Rob Livingstone about life as a Wren and what it meant to her on the secret mission to crack codes.

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This footage shows the first gorilla born in the wild to reintroduced parents. The film has been released by the Aspinall Foundation, based at Howletts wildlife park near Canterbury. The parents of the baby, who was born on October 5, are wild-born orphans.



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Lorry lenses to prevent side-swiping

■ BY NICK AMES

MOVES to reduce the problem of foreign lorries 'blind-siding' motorists on the county's major highways are now in place, following Government action to hand out stick-on safety lenses to help drivers see when overtaking.

The threat to the county's drivers is most intense on the M20, M2 and A2, where the high-sided trucks come from the Continent and pass through to other parts of the UK.

It comes from the juggernauts having the steering side on the left, which means the driver can fail to see cars when pulling out to overtake – sometimes with fatal results to unwary motorists.

Scheme

In 2006, Kent police figures taking into account the M20, M2, M25, M26, A2 and A20 showed 45 instances of accidents where death or injury occurred involving Continental trucks.

A pilot scheme has seen the special lenses – given out at ports in both Kent and across the Channel – reduce the rate of accidents by 59 per cent in recent months.

Now a further 90,000 of the devices are to be given out in a bid to reduce instances even further.

They come complete with instructions in

English, French, German, Spanish, Polish and Dutch, and adhere to the passenger side window to widen the driver's field of vision and cut out the dangerous blind spot.

The so called 'Fresnel lenses' are small wafer-thin sheets of flexible plastic – about 10 inches by 12 inches – with a moulded optical lens that sticks to flat glass.

A Transport Department spokesman said: "Nine per cent of all HGVs in accidents are foreign-registered. Of these 1,117 HGVs, 982 were left-hand drive and weighed more than 7.5 tonnes.

"Some 409 foreign-registered left-hand drive HGVs were changing lane to the right at the time of the accident and 14 were changing lane to the left."

Speaking ahead of a visit to the Channel Tunnel Lorry Park in at Ashford, Road Safety Minister Jim Fitzpatrick said: "Side-swiping is an issue we are determined to tackle.

"It's important all truckers, whether from Britain or overseas, are able use our roads safely.

"However, many drivers here don't realise that left-hand drive lorries can't easily see a car overtaking them on the right, such as on a motorway."

"This has resulted in more than 400 side-swipe incidents in 2006 alone. As well as being dangerous, these incidents cause delays and congestion."

Officials at the Department for Transport said all trucks had a blind spot alongside the cab on their passenger side, which can



ON THE BLIND SIDE: New safety lenses will help lorry drivers from the Continent see UK drivers more easily

cause cars alongside to disappear from the driver's view.

A spokesman said: "This is a particular problem for left-hand drive trucks operating in the UK, when they change lanes to overtake. The lenses offer drivers of left-hand drive vehicles a wider field of vision through the passenger window."

The trial was conducted by the Highways Agency, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency and the Immigration Service.

A total of 40,000 stick-on Fresnel lenses were distributed free of charge at three French ports to drivers of left-hand drive lorries coming to the UK.

Pfizer celebrates HIV drug with £25,000 fund

TO celebrate the launch of its ground-breaking new HIV medicine, Pfizer has set up a £25,000 fund to help community groups across the county.

Maraviroc is the latest drug to be discovered and developed by the pharmaceutical giant's research and development scientists based at Sandwich.

The first new oral class of HIV medicines in the last decade has been granted regulatory approval in Europe and the US, and will go on the market under the trademark name Celsentriq.

To mark the breakthrough, Pfizer aims to support 25 Kent-based community projects improving health and the wellbeing of people across the county.

Each accepted project will receive £1,000 to spend on computer hardware or software.

Pfizer teams have raised the money for the Computers for the Community Fund by recycling IT equipment no longer needed at its Sandwich R&D centre.

Discovery

Dr Annette Doherty, the plant's research and site leader, said: "At Pfizer we understand the value of technology and its importance in advancing medical research to deliver new, innovative medicines for patients.

"It is the expertise of our world-class scientists taking advantage of the capabilities of IT that led to the discovery of maraviroc.

"Lack of IT resources, however, can pose a stumbling block for many organisations. That's why we're offering to help 25 Kent not-for-profit projects by funding new IT equipment."

She added: "Pfizer plays an active part in communities across the county and we want to celebrate our success in developing the new medicine by giving practical support to local projects that share our passion for improving health and wellbeing."

To apply for the fund organisations will need to demonstrate they are based in Kent and delivering projects in the county, operating as not-for-profit, and aiming to improve health and wellbeing.

Write to Christine Jenkins, Community Affairs, Pfizer Ltd, IPC 223, Sandwich, CT13 9NJ, or email christine.yjenkins@pfizer.com, for an application form before January 31.



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Wii may pull adverts until after Christmas

NINTENDO has announced that it may pull adverts for the popular Wii console until after Christmas.

The popularity of the Wii, which uses motion-sensitive controls, has meant many shops have run out of the consoles.

A Nintendo spokesman said: "We are doing everything possible to supply continued levels of stock and meet demand as quickly as possible. As we are keen to act responsibly we are potentially looking at moving some advertising on some products into early 2008."

Find gold with action and adventure game

THE Playstation 3 has a game that promises to deliver a blend of action and adventure.

Uncharted: Drake's Fortune follows the exploits of a descendent of Sir Francis Drake as he searches for the lost city of El Dorado.

Combining a mix of exploration and gunplay, the game has been compared to the Indiana Jones trilogy and classic adventure serials of the 1940s

Uncharted: Drake's Fortune went on sale for £44.99 last week.

Embarrassing incidents in a new brand of book

WATERSTONE'S is selling Russell Brand's autobiography My Booky Wook at half-price.

The controversial comic's memoirs usually retail at £18.99 but, as part of its Christmas offers, Waterstone's is selling it for £9.49.

Described by Brand as "a series of embarrassing incidents strung together by telling people about those embarrassing incidents", the book chronicles his rise to stardom from his troubled childhood in Essex and includes frank descriptions of his addictions.

Read about the life of the god of guitars

ERIC CLAPTON'S autobiography is on sale at half-price in Waterstone's.

Eric Clapton: The Autobiography is reduced from £20 to £10 and promises to be the perfect Christmas present for fans of the man who was described as a god for his inventive guitar playing.

Chronicling his addiction to alcohol and heroin and the death of his four-year-old son, Clapton's memoirs are an honest look at the turbulent life of a guitar legend.

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WIN! Signed Long Way Down books courtesy of Kent Nissan dealerships

ADVENTURE addicts hooked on Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman's fantastic Long Way Down expedition will be thrilled to learn that Nissan, which provided two Patrols to support the team on its extreme journey, is releasing a number of Long Way Down Special Edition vehicles.

To complement the current range of naturally capable 4x4s, Nissan has created Special Editions of not just the Patrol but also the Navara 4x4 pickup to mark Nissan's involvement with the Long Way Down adventure.

Available now from Ancaster Bromley, Beadles Maidstone and Motorline Dartford including other Nissan dealerships in the area, motorists can drive away in the vehicles famed for their rugged performance, much like the Nissan Patrols that supported the travellers on their journey from John O'Groats to Cape Town.

To celebrate, the Kent Nissan dealerships are offering readers the chance to win one of 15 Long Way Down books signed not only by

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SPORTS ADVENTURE

Russ Malkin and David Alexanian, the producers and directors of the hit show who drove the Nissan Patrols 15,000 miles, but also by adventurer Charley Boorman, who travelled the journey by motorcycle.

The two Nissan Patrols, which were modified to take the extreme rigours of the journey, demonstrated well-proven strengths of the Nissan 4x4 range including reliability, power and durability as they supported the Long Way Down team.

During their 86-day tour, the vehicles tackled non-existent roads, uncompromising terrain, deep mud and floods. The only problem to report over the journey was a single puncture between them!

It's easy to see why the Long Way Down team chose a Nissan 4x4 as their support vehicle on their gruelling 15,000-mile journey. The Patrol 'Long Way Down' Special Edition boasts a high-performance 3.0 litre, 160 PS, 16-valve



diesel engine along with a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission with selectable 4WD and dual ratio gearbox.

Not all 'muscle', the tough vehicle also allows for luxury with climate control air-conditioning, DVD satellite navigation and luxury leather upholstery.

Matched in strength, style and durability are the Nissan Navara and Nissan Navara Expedition 'Long Way Down' special editions.

The Navara also took on an important role on the Long Way Down journey, it was driven by local crew from Botswana to South Africa.

With the same 4x4 spirit, the Navara's impressive engine delivers 171 HP and an

incredible 403Nm of torque, making it the most powerful vehicle in its class.

This European best-selling pickup gives great durability without increasing weight, able to take on heavy loads exceeding 1,000 Kg. The Special Editions boast 17-inch alloy wheels, dual zone climate control, six-speed manual transmission, part-time 4WD and leather upholstery for comfort and style.

The Navara 'Long Way Down' Expedition Special Edition further boasts DVD satellite navigation with voice activation and hands-free phone operation.

For further information about the Long Way Down Special Edition vehicles or to arrange a test drive, contact Nissan Ancaster Bromley on 020 8290 8700, Beadles Maidstone on 01622 716777 or Motorline Dartford on 01322 280025.

To enter, simply answer the question below and send your entry on a postcard along with your email address (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Nissan Comp, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6SR. Closing date is December 19, 2007.

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Natasha, 21, 5'8", WLTm Mr Right. Single mum of 1, like shopping, clubbing, relaxing... Why don't we do these things together? We can if you call! Box 901622

LOOK ME UP
24yr old single mother of 2, very bubbly and fun to be with, looking for happy-go-lucky guy to show me a good time. Box 432026

TAKE HEART
Crystal, 24, brunette, blue eyes, petite, likes music, art, films, swimming, country walks, WLTm friendly guy for friendship maybe more. Box 432236

LIVELY UP YOURSELF
Lively female, 26, 5ft2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555

LOVE TO LAUGH
Full-time mum, 26, loves pubs, clubs, cinema, family days out, GSOH, likes socialising, relaxing, looking for honest, loyal, fun, romantic person who's a N/S. Box 900347

DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN?
Susan, 33, long hair, hazel eyes, tanned, enjoys the usual things in life, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 429879

RING MY BELL!
Hi, I'm Annabelle, 32, blonde hair, blue eyes, slim, divorced, 2 children, WLTm a tall, local man, enjoys sport, shopping and relaxing, Tonbridge. Box 420609

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out, cinema. Box 406670

AFRICAN ADVENTURE
African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128

LESSONS IN LOVE
Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTm caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460

TRY NEW THINGS
Mum of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, East Peckham, nr Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship more. Box 433107

YOURS FOREVER!
Active, affectionate female, 35, 5ft3, blonde, blue eyes, likes cinema, walking, cycling, swimming, wrestling, WLTm tall dark & handsome bloke. Box 430932

TRUST MATTERS
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

THE EYES HAVE IT
Attractive, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc. WLTm spontaneous male for LTR. Box 403299

SECURE FUTURE
Honest, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with a GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364

MISSING MALE COMPANY
Chatty female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889

THE WIT TO WOOL!
Kent female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152882

FUTURE PERFECT
38yr old lively, down 2 earth female, GSOH, enjoy all life's pleasures, looking for relationship Box 920397

LOVING TOUCH
39yr old single mum, own house, 5'7", brown hair, seeking a kind-hearted man for companionship. Box 393637

GET IT TOGETHER
Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY
Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332

LOVE TO MEET YOU
Kind woman, 42, outgoing, happy-go-lucky, sometimes shy. I like gardening, socialising, travel, walks. Looking for happy, fun fella. Aylesford Box 428464

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, winning, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTm N/S man to share things with. Box 429682

STOP PRESS!
Friendly, N/S female, 44, medium build, long hair, WLTm N/S male. 44-55 for fun, laughter, possible relationship. Ramsgate. Box 903566

DON'T PASS ME BY
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest, man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

LOVE 2 SHARE
45yr old medium build, attractive lady, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, meals, cinema, WLTm a trustworthy, loyal male to share my life with. Box 426617

NICE SMILE???
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

SEIZE THE DAY
Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

COULD IT BE MAGIC?
Single mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5ft4, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868

NEW TO THE AREA
Happy, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soul mate Box 433539

HOPING FOR MORE
36yr old single lady, long blonde hair, big blue eyes, slim, 5ft7, looking for a guy who's caring, honest, for TLC and maybe more. Box 902011

THE FULL TREATMENT
36yr old nurse, enjoys fun and laughter, travel, nights in/out, music, dancing, reading, theatre. Seeking man for company, maybe more. East Kent Box 912176

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, with curves, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks exciting, fun male for friendship/relationship Box 901893

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincerity, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 158956

KNOW HOW TO TREAT A LADY?
Blonde haired, attractive female, 48, 5ft4, slim, GSOH, seeking good-looking, slim, kind, trendy male, 35-45, with a GSOH, and fantastic personality. Sheerness Box 432618

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WLTm nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTm compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

CANTERBURY CONNECTION
Attractive, blonde woman, 5'4", 49, enjoys the gym, cooking, cinema, theatre, travel and restaurants, seeks male for friendship. Box 368801

FEEL THE MAGIC
Slim female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easygoing and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks Box 439052

EVENING PRIMROSE
Primrose, 51, divorced with 3 children and 2 grandchildren, I'm 5ft2, with dark hair, looking for someone for companionship. Box 433580

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

LOVE TRAIN
Young-looking 51yr old woman, seeking a kind, genuine man, between 48-51, for fun and friendship, maybe romance. Box 432406

LOVE IS IN THE HAIR!
Sue, 51, slim, blue eyes, brunette, ladies hairdresser, looking for someone special. How about you? Box 431904

AM I THE 1?
48yr old divorcee, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, like dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, WLTm a man who would like to share some good times. Box 901027

TAKE IT AS RED-HEAD
Female, 51, 5'6", attractive, redhead, green eyes, seeking professional, male soulmate, 45-55. West Kent. Box 477686

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTm suitable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420

NEED COMPANY
Blonde female, 54, 5ft5, cuddly, seeking friendship, with someone who can make me laugh. Fed up of being alone. Smaldale Box 433682

DIG DEEPER
Canterbury lady, 56, recently divorced, looking for a genuine relationship. I like gardening, home life, going out, seeking a male companion. Box 428242

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928

EFFERVESCENT ELEGANCE
Young-at-heart, lively, sociable lady, 56, 5'6", blue eyes, blonde, GSOH, WLTm understanding, down-to-earth gent, for company, maybe romance. Box 403745

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH
Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

PLANT THE SEEDS
Classy, intelligent, divorced, attractive lady, 59, slim & active, enjoys travel, walking holidays, sport, gardening, WLTm sincere, intelligent gentleman initially for friendship, maybe more. Box 910138

NEW FOUNDATIONS
Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Widowed woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

KEEPEE DANCIN!
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432426

EXPERIENCE ALL THAT'S BEST
Divorced lady, 61, N/S, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, driving, seeks tactile man, for something special. Box 424898

LADY IN WAITING
Cuddly, loving lady, 64, who loves nice conversations, staying in, winning/dining, loves animals, gardening, WLTm considerate, faithful gent for companionship. Box 427579

TAKE MY BREATH AWAY
Very caring, young at heart, black lady, 63, varied interests, GSOH seeking a N/S, caring gentleman, 58-69, to share happy times. Box 424122



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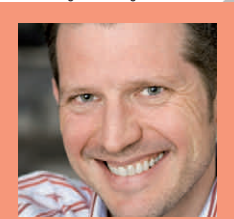
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SIZZLING!
Sociable female, 24, 5ft2, long hair, hazel eyes, enjoys the beach, cooking, barbecues, clubs, pubs, looking for female mates, maybe more. Box 428658

LOVE TO LAUGH
Loving, young 25yr old female with a kind heart and passion for life, short hair, blue eyes, like music, socialising, seeks a like-minded female. Box 431117

FUN 2 BE WITH
Hi, I'm an attractive 39 yr old feminine female, looking for a caring female for friendship and fun. Box 899207

PASSIONATE SCORPIO
Cuddly, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving and caring Box 433152



MEN'S SPOTLIGHT

CUDDLE UP
Big and kind-hearted, I'm 22, large build, 6ft4, into cycling and swimming, cinema, restaurants, cosy nights in, WLTm women between 20-30 for friendship and more... Box 898855

SPORTS MAD
Hard-working male, 5ft10, brown hair/eyes, looking for a quiet, down-to-earth female, who enjoys, sports and going out Box 432555

ANIMAL LOVER
Friendly chap with a lot of love to give. I'm fun-loving, 26yrs old, looking for a fun, outgoing girl, who likes to have a laugh. Box 900321

TOP OF THE TOWER
Sweet guy, 31, 5ft8, athletic build, looking for a possible long term relationship, or fun dates out Box 898885

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL
32yr old down-2-earth, happy-go-lucky, considerate male, looking for a lively female to share happy moments with. Box 434239

A LOVE SUPREME
Caring, honest and genuine male, with a good heart, 34, love eating out, country walks, uncomplicated, looking for someone with similar qualities. Box 900141

EXPLOSIVE PERSONALITY
Wicked sense of humour, old romantic, likes cycling, walking, live music, club/pubs. Sound good? I'm male, 35, seeking lady for friendship possibly more. Ramsgate Box 908588

REAL MAN
36yr old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTm like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440

R U 4 ME?
Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917

FINALLY FOUND YOU
Good-looking male 35, 5'8", no ties, enjoys pubs, restaurants, holidays, bowling, theme parks and more, seeks petite female, to share good times with. Ashford Box 198029

INTERESTED?
Spirted guy, 6', dark hair, brown eyes, enjoy football, WLTm broad-minded young lady. Box 415892

DELIGHTFUL DARREN
Darren, 38, loving, caring and trustworthy, 5ft8, medium build, enjoys most things in life, seeks fun loving lady, to enjoy life with. Box 434234

BRIGHTER DAYS
Divorced male, 38, 5ft10, blue eyes, no ties, likes motorcycling, the gym, country pubs, wine bars, cycling, seeks spontaneous, fun woman for fun/laughter. Box 434217

FANCY THIS
Jason, 38, 5ft8, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship, good times. Box 433326

MAKING SWEET MUSIC
Romantic male, 38, 6ft, blue eyes, medium/muscular build, enjoy socialising, cosy nights in, music, looking for a loving, fun-filled female for happiness. Chatham. Box 433795

SPORTS MAD
Single male, 39 years old, 2 sons, very interested in all kinds of sports, seeking a lovely lady Box 899774

LIKE TO HAVE FUN
Fit 39 year old male, looking for ladies of all ages for fun and friendship. I'm fit with good looks and physique with GSOH. Box 900426

A SPARKLE
Hi, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTm an outgoing female for good times. Box 899004

DON'T DELAY, CALL TODAY
Attractive, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves winning/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each other's company. Box 434103

INDIAN GUY
Hi, I'm a relaxed, hard-working male, enjoy driving out, cinema, meals out, looking for my soulmate for fun times and companionship. Box 433353

COULD WE BE MAGIC?
Single male, 40 years old, 5ft4, medium build, dark hair, brown eyes, looking for a bubbly, adventurous female, who's fun to be with Box 433540

GAZ AUTOMATIC!
Hi, I'm Gary, 40yr old male, 5'11", muscular, tall, dark hair, enjoys most sports, looking for lady to share the finer things in life. Box 430142

TWO'S COMPANY
Thoughtful male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053

FUN-LOVING AND EASYGOING
Great guy, young looking 42, no ties. I'm 5ft7, stocky build, fit, short hair/frazzled, been called handsome! I'm sporty, a non-smoker and enjoy holidays. Box 431226

OH YES
Simon, 53, 6'2", love the good times, like intelligent conversations, like going out, live bands, WLTm a cheerful, sociable female. Box 431425

SHINE TOGETHER
Slim male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTm genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area Box 425419

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Steve, 43, brown hair, green eyes, loves country pubs/walks, cosy nights in, swimming, GSOH, N/S, 5ft7, seeks similar, loving lady. Medway Box 901155

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like-minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

LET'S CONNECT
Reliable, thoughtful, professional male, 42, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, enjoys music, sports, cinema, meals out, WLTm like-minded, attractive female for friendship, possibly more. Box 397492

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING
Sincere, stocky southern Irish guy, skint-head, no ties, 43, enjoys motor racing, pubs, cinema, the good life, discos, seeks lady to share life. Kent. Box 417532

TWOS COMPANY
Michael, 43, 5ft8, medium build, dark hair/eyes, hardworking, likes cooking, sports, disco, walks, seeks similar female for good company. Box 427395

TRY ANYTHING ONCE
Caring, understanding, honest 43 year old male, enjoys walks, swimming, reading, seeking a 45-55 year old lady. Chatham Box 429701

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158482

ON YOUR MARKS...
Tall, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR. Ashford Box 430121

MIX 'N MATCH
Young-at-heart 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easygoing nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTm adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940

LOVE AND RESPECT ON OFFER
Honest, sincere, reliable male, 44, 5ft7, medium build, likes sports, music, beach walks, country pubs, Box 433914

CATCH A FALLING STAR
44-year-old man, interests include socialising, days out, keeping fit, days out, seeking a caring, honest female, to share fun times. Box 433992

GO FOR IT
Michael, 44, fair hair, blue eyes, no ties, likes travelling, pubs, socialising, driving, seeks down-to-earth female for friendship and more. Box 434111

RING MY BELL
45yr old thoughtful, reliable male, 5'2", GSOH, gentle personality, love pubs, nights in, gardening etc, WLTm a like-minded, caring lady for companionship. Box 431171

STOP! HAMMER TIME
Hard-working, loving, loyal, honest man, 45, OHAC, enjoys cinema, West Ham weekends away, life, lot of love to give, seeking my soulmate, 40-48, slim/medium build. Box 431914

LIFE'S PLEASURES
Hi, I'm 44 years old, with short light brown hair and blue eyes. I enjoy cinema/theatre, pubs and meals out, walks and weekends away. Box 903358

CANTERBURY CUDDLES
46yr male, 5ft7, enjoys cinema, socialising, meals out, long walks on the beach, looking for a special lady, for fun, friendship, maybe more Box 432611

FAMILY GUY
Laid-back guy, 46 years old, kids all grown up, looking for friendship, perhaps leading to more with a lady 36-50, with or without kids Box 434310

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!
Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTm female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook Box 737529

LOTS OF LOVE 2 GIVE
Ordinary guy, 49, who likes the simple things in life. I smoke and don't drive. Looking for a partner to share things with. Box 901111

LOTS OF SMILES
Warm, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating, male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095

BE HERE NOW!
Tony, 48, 5ft7, medium build, likes winning/dining, music, walks, movies, nights in, looking for someone romantic to share life with hopefully. Box 430219

YOUTHFUL EXUBERANCE
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We took the junk, so we'll have the chain gang too

AS I was walking along the beach towards Hythe I saw a scene that will be familiar to many.

Four boyish thugs in a Fiat Pinto finished their drive-thru junk food meals and decided that, rather than walking the 20 feet or so to the nearest bin, their brightly coloured bag of rubbish could be hurled in the general direction of the beach.

When glared at by a mother with a pushchair, the man-child with bum fluff in the passenger seat spat out of the window. The driver revved the engine and cranked the radio to full volume before speeding off towards Folkestone, sub-woofer booming.

The threatening image of youthful masculinity was ruined slightly as they drove past with the driver struggling with his radio – trying to stop Britney Spears from blaring out.

An old gentleman walking a dog picked up the half-spilled bag of rubbish and placed it carefully in the bin.

This incident got me thinking.

The importation of fast food from the US has been closely followed by the drive-thru restaurant.

In recent years this has led to an attitude that you don't need to get out of your car to get your food, ergo you do not need to get out of your car to dispose of your rubbish.

Due to the number of roadworks on our motorways I have had the opportunity to see several stretches of road in closer detail than I would if I was driving at normal speed.

The amount of plastic drinks containers and assorted packaging that litters our roads makes the majority of what was once called a "green and pleasant land" appear like an over-used landfill.

I keep a bag for rubbish in the back and try to avoid eating in the car; this apparently is a leap of reasoning that is beyond some drivers.

Apart from banning junk food restaurants, which would improve the health of the nation no end but probably fall foul of the free market principle, there appears to be only one solution to this problem.

We imported the fast food drive-thru from the States, so why not also import that staple of old prison movies, the chain gang?

If you cannot wait to get rid of your rubbish and decide to chuck it out the window of your car, you are given the choice of a massive fine or walking along the highways and byways collecting discarded crap under the watchful eye of a fat man called Bubba who will be riding a horse.

Any emissions from the horse will also need to be collected by the litter patrol.

So that health and safety laws are not broken, the guard will not be armed with a loaded shotgun, but with a greasy cheeseburger wrapper which he will smear in their faces should any escapes be attempted.

The 'prisoners' will also be made to sign a release saying that if they are hit by a passing car it is their own fault.

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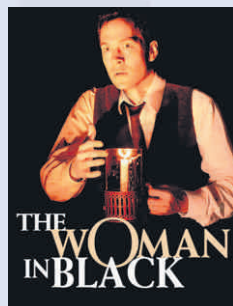
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TALK TIME

KATE BLYTH

Kate Blyth owns the Chocolate Deli in Hythe. It opened for business last month



Why did you choose to open up the shop?

It was something that I wanted to do for about six years. I researched it for about three years and ran an internet business for a while to see if it was something I was good at and could enjoy. About three months ago this shop became available and it just seemed too good an opportunity to miss.

What drew you to chocolate?

I am not sure really, I wanted to work in something I am passionate about and everybody loves chocolate; it is one of those things that is never going to go away. So I thought lets open up a shop and see if it works.

What has the response been like?

Very good, that has helped a lot. When we were refurbishing, everyone was coming past and checking us out, they were all very positive we were opening.

How did you set up the shop?

With a lot of stress.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to introduce a wider supply of chocolate products, I would love to make my own. I am also planning on doing corporate events, weddings, deliveries and continue running my internet business.

Has that been a long-standing passion of yours?

I would say so, since my early 20s it has been something I have wanted to do, so it is nice to be doing something that I want to do.

Can I have some samples?

Of course!

YOUR LETTERS

Turbines will ruin our home lives

The five wind turbines between East and West Langdon, Whitfield, Pineham and Guston will, if approved, be 120 metres high, among the tallest in the UK.

These gigantic turbines will be sited within 0.5km of a number of villages. This is unprecedented – nowhere in the UK have turbines been this close to rural housing.

Respected medical health specialists recommend 1-1.5 miles from housing because so many problems have been experienced by people living too close to turbines.

More and more people are describing their lives as unbearable when they are directly exposed to the acoustical and optical effects of wind farms.

Symptoms include depression and anxiety from lack of sleep, migraine and symptoms such as pulse irregularities, which are known from the effects of infrasound (sound of frequencies below the normal audible limit).

Scotland has increased the minimum distance between turbines and houses to 2km, and several European countries are reducing their commitment to onshore wind energy as a result of the combination of poor performance (too little electricity at too high a price) and excessive harm to the environment.

Neil Kinnock, EU Commissioner, said: "My long-established view is wind power can only provide a small fraction of the output required to meet total energy needs and it makes an unacceptable intrusion into the landscape".

With so much information available on the internet from noise specialists, doctors and health researchers, countryside



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campaigners and individuals who have suffered from the effects of wind farms already constructed, one might be at risk of becoming overly obsessed with the environmental impact of

wind farms. So you would expect plenty of contrary propaganda from the wind farm industry to support its claims for being environmentally friendly, let alone technically productive and

economically beneficial.

But we have had no brochures through our letter box, no free DVDs to show that our fears are exaggerated and no representatives knocking on our doors to give us comfort. No... nothing, the developers keep a low profile – though they do offer to fit shutters or blinds to any rooms in houses affected by blade flicker.

Sounds like the blackout in World War Two, except that was only required after dark!

On a beautiful sunny day, why should we be penalised in our homes by having to sit inside with the blinds down because of blade flicker and also unable to sit in our gardens because of turbine 'whooshing'?

The only explanation for the low profile of the wind farm developers must be that their opponents are right, their strategy for planning approval being one of avoiding public debate.

We must not allow our country to be further desecrated by this uncontrolled and wasteful 'green' industrialisation.

Common sense and facts are entirely on our side. Hundreds of residents in the affected communities have written to Dover District Council to object to this ill-conceived proposal.

We believe that as the planning authority, DDC will give close and careful consideration to the overwhelming arguments against this application and in due course reject it.

Helen Spiegelberg
East Langdon

A shadow flicker of wind protest

While speaking to people in connection with the proposed North Dover Wind Farm, it is obvious that many people still believe wind farms to be the eco-friendly way of producing power.

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Unfortunately, the unsuspecting public is only told the half of it (or less). East Kent has marginal wind speeds and therefore the turbines are unlikely to work for more than 25 per cent of the time.

Conventional power stations must remain on standby or there would be no reliable power supply.

We could litter the countryside with wind farms and this would still be the case. The huge subsidies available to wind farm developers lead only to wholesale destruction of the countryside and distract attention from research into a real solution to the problem.

As of October, 2007, there are 148 operational onshore wind farms countrywide, 142 with planning consent but awaiting development, and 211 applications lodged with local authorities.

Incidentally, I hear the 'baby' wind turbine at the Dover council offices was spinning merrily over December 3-4 and that the shadow flicker was impressive.

Anyone who doesn't know what shadow flicker is can get an impression of what it's like by blinking rapidly for as long as you can keep it up – would you want that in your living room or office?

And if you want to hear the noise, visit www.bradwell.info/new/noise.htm – turn your speakers on – and read all about it.

Heather Baker
West Langdon

Sign our animal experiment petition

Like many members of the public, the RSPCA is deeply concerned

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The current review of the European law governing animal experiments presents a vital opportunity to benefit millions of animals.

We have launched a petition to show how strongly the public wants the new law to ensure tighter controls on animal use in experiments in Europe.

You can add your support at www.rspca.org.uk/directive86609, or going to your local RSPCA branch or shop, where the petition should be available.

The RSPCA believes the new law should cover all animals used in basic research as well as education and training.

Such animals account for 35 per cent of animals used for scientific purposes, and are not currently protected by the law.

An immediate ban on the use of great apes and wild-caught primates and a co-ordinated strategy to replace all other primate use should also be included.

The housing and care standards for all species should be improved, which is the very least these animals deserve while their use in experiments continues.

For more information about how the society wants the law changed, visit our website at www.rspca.org.uk/directive86609.

The society has a long history of achieving positive change for laboratory animals.

We are grateful for the strong support we have received from the public, and we are asking for your help once more.

We hope your name will be on

the petition when we present it to the Government at the end of the year.

Sally Hall
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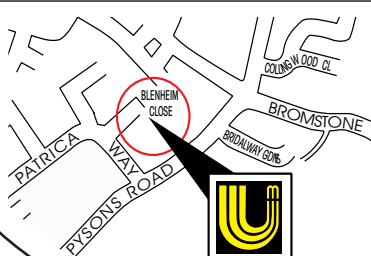
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Garlands of song about my mother

Lorna Luft's tour honours the great Judy

CLASSIC songs with a personal resonance will ring out again as Lorna Luft brings her acclaimed show to Kent.

Songs My Mother Taught Me is Luft's first tour for a decade and one which both celebrates her own talent and pays tribute to her mother, legendary entertainer Judy Garland. Described as her most ambitious project to date, Luft has created a multi-media production that blends some of the world's best-loved songs with personal memories of her mother.

As the daughter of Garland and producer Sid Luft, music and entertainment were an integral part of her childhood.

She made her television debut on The Judy Garland Show at the age of 11, singing with the incredible voice that still makes her a hugely popular live performer.

Luft went on to become an acclaimed stage, television and film actress, best selling author, recording artist and Emmy Award nominated producer. Songs My Mother Taught Me has already been awarded two Los Angeles Theatre Alliance Ovation Awards.

Her mother was born Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in 1922. She first trod the boards at the age of two and a half, when she joined her two older sisters in a rendition of Jingle Bells at her father's theatre.

She soon emerged as the real star of the act, which had been renamed The Garland Sisters, and signed a contract with film studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer at the age of just 13.

In 1939 she landed the role of Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, which is perhaps her most famous and best-loved character ever.

Her unforgettable voice and outstanding charisma



LORNA LUFT

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grabbed the world's attention and she became one of MGM's most bankable stars.

As she got older, Garland tried to escape the girl-next-door image created for her in an attempt to compete with her glamorous contemporaries.

However, she always worried about her appearance and suffered a number of breakdowns due to the pressures of her relentless workload.

She was married five times and had two other children – Liza, with director Vincente Minelli, and Joseph, also with Sid Luft.

Her incredible film, television and concert career was sadly overshadowed by the drug addiction which started during her early days at MGM. She died from an accidental overdose of barbiturates in her London home in 1969, aged just 47.

For Luft, who was only a teenager at the time of her mother's death, revisiting the past is both an emotional and uplifting experience.

She has released an album to accompany the tour, produced by husband Colin Freeman and long-time friend Barry Manilow, which includes emotive classics such as Meet Me in St Louis and A Star Is Born.

"In the show, we laugh, we cry, we sing, we joke," she said. "We celebrate the joy that was and still is my mom and her music."

The performance starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £19.50.

To book, call the box office on 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

FOR MOM: Lorna Luft's first tour in ten years is a tribute to her mother, Judy Garland

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ROYAL MARINES BAND

Thursday, December 13
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



GET into the festive spirit with a Christmas concert by The Royal Marines Band, Portsmouth.

The concert will be the perfect way to get the seasonal fun started, with some fantastic band music and all the trimmings, along with the Corps of Drums. The band is under the direction of their new director of music, Major Nick Grace.

There have been Royal Marine Bands in the Portsmouth area since the mid-18th century. The current band is a direct descendant of the Band of the Royal Marine Artillery, formed in January 1861. Over the years, it has acted as the band for the Royal Family, performed all over the world and played at many major occasions, such as Sir Winston Churchill's state funeral in 1965



and the official handing-over of Hong Kong.

The Christmas Spectacular concert will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are priced from £14 to £16, concessions available. Groups of 10 receive one ticket free (box office only). To book, call the box office on 0870 4000 890 or visit the website at www.leascliffhall.co.uk.

SHEPWAY LEISURE

Help to raise funds by visiting the table fair

THERE could be bargains on offer at a table fair to raise money for the Friends of Folkestone Sports Centre.

The fundraising event will be held at the centre in Radnor Park Avenue on Sunday, December 16.

It will run from 9am to 1pm, with an 8am set-up. Tables cost £6 in advance and £10 on the day.

To book a table, pop into the centre.

Youngsters will be gripped by new play

FOUR children have the adventure of a life time in a new play being premiered at Folkestone's The Grand.

Keeper of the Keys is presented by Sketches and follows the youngsters who discover a portal into another world at their dead aunt's house.

Aimed at young people, it features mystery, adventure and haunting music by Philip Glass.

The show will be performed on Friday, December 14 and Saturday, December 15.

For details of prices and times, call 01303 222222.

Entertaining tribute act is a girl's best friend

NEIL Diamond tribute act Danny Barnett will be providing the music at Stables Night Club on Friday, December 14.

Revellers can enjoy a four-course meal for £19.95, along with the classic Diamond hits, at the club in Canterbury Road, Densole, Hawkinge, from 7.30pm.

For more information, call 01303 892263.

Breathe deep and enjoy some club classics

START the weekend with a bang at the Leas Club, Folkestone, on Friday, December 14.

Dancers will be moving to club classics and urban anthems as part of Oxygen Fridays, running from 8pm to 11.55pm. Admission is free, but under-18s will not be admitted.

For more information, visit the website at www.myspace.com/oxygen_uk.

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Friday, December 12
Astor Theatre Arts Centre, Deal



THE Riff Raff Christmas Show promises an evening of fantastic live music, featuring two talented singer/songwriters.

Howard Werth, pictured, who lives in Deal and is a trustee of the theatre, was the frontman of acclaimed art-rock band Audience. During the late 60s and early 70s, the band attracted a cult following, before splitting in 1972.

Werth has pursued a solo career, recording

albums with producer Gus Dudgeon. His unique, electric nylon-strung guitar sound has been cited as an influence by many musicians.

In 2004, Audience reformed for a series of popular gigs and recorded a live album at the Astor Theatre.

Raphael Mead is making his name with his latest album on which he is joined by Geoffrey Richardson of Canterbury-based band Caravan. Richardson will also appear as a special guest.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets are £9 in advance or £13.50 on the door. Call 01304 381134 or see www.astortheatre.co.uk.

THE GRUFFALO

Until Saturday, December 22
Gulbenkian, Canterbury



ENJOY some monstrous fun for all the family when The Gruffalo arrives at Canterbury's Gulbenkian Theatre.

The classic tale follows the adventures of Mouse, who sets out on a brave journey through the deep, dark wood. As he encounters scary animals on his adventure, Mouse frightens them away with his stories about a terrifying monster, the Gruffalo. But what will happen when he comes face-to-face with the menacing creature he imagined?

The Gulbenkian was packed with families when Tall Stories brought their fantastic Monster Hits to the theatre at half-term. Children and adults alike will be delighted that the company is coming back with a magical, musical adaptation of Julia Donaldson's acclaimed children's book.

With some wonderful costumes, songs, laughs and



a few scares, The Gruffalo offers a fun time for children aged three up. Performance times for the 50-minute show vary, with both public and school showings.

Tickets cost £9 for adults,

£7 for children and £35 for a five-person group ticket. For more information and to book, call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

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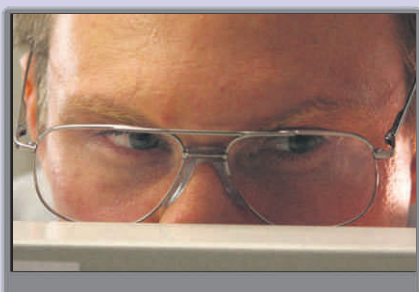
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Star reveals secrets of a golden world

■ BY BEN FALK

IT'S a film based on a controversial but much-loved book trilogy – with a young hero on a quest helped by brave souls in a world full of darkness, magic and mystical creatures.

If this all sounds very Lord Of The Rings, it's because New Line Cinema, the company which wagered its fortunes on the film version of Tolkien's classic tomes, is doing the same again with a spectacular adaptation of the first novel in Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials series.

The Golden Compass is rumoured to be the most expensive movie ever made, with an estimated budget of more than £120 million.

It stars Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig, but the story really rests on the shoulders of a 13-year-old newcomer called Dakota Blue Richards, who plays Lyra Belacqua, a precocious child who finds herself caught up in a mystery of epic proportions.

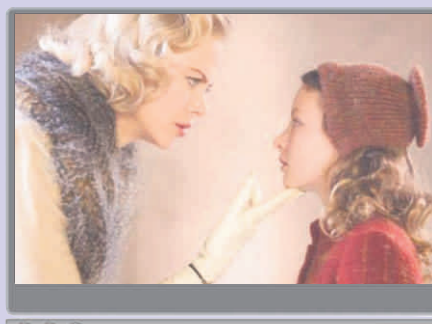
"I hope it doesn't affect my normal life too much," says the young actress, who lives in Brighton, Sussex. "Whenever I'm not in work, I'm back in school and just a normal pupil. I'd hate for the people at school to see me differently because of the film."

She might not have much of a choice. Already expected to be this year's major blockbuster, The Golden Compass is being presented as the first chapter in a three-part franchise, capitalising on the popularity of the books.

The novels are known for their complex themes, as well as their supposed anti-Catholic bias, which makes summing up the plot rather tricky.

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In short, we are introduced to Lyra who lives in an alternative version of our world, she witnesses some shady behaviour by clerical body the Magisterium, meets her uncle Lord Asriel (Craig), befriends then evades the cold and calculating Mrs Coulter (Kidman), before heading north to rescue her friend Roger, who has been kidnapped by... well, you'll just have to see it to find out.

Making the journey more interesting are the various beasts she encounters along the way.

Not only does she enlist the help of a talking armoured bear (voiced by Sir Ian McKellen), but one of the conceits of the story is that in this universe, every person has their own demon, which is a physical manifestation of their personality or soul, in animal form.

Lord Asriel is a dark horse. Though dashing



NEWCOMER: Teenager Dakota Blue Richards stars in the new fantasy film The Golden Compass

and mercurial, the twists and turns of the plot mean you are never quite sure of his intentions. And for Daniel, basking in the success of his first outing as Bond in Casino Royale, there were no qualms about plunging into another recurring role.

"It didn't bother me at all," he says. "That sounds like I have some grand plan, but it wasn't like that. It was a happy accident that it came up."

The father-of-one also revelled in sharing the screen with a raw youngster. "I get a big kick out of it," he explains. "You've got to work very hard and keep them enthused because it's a long day and the kids' energy levels go down. Dakota learned very quickly though and I teased her a lot."



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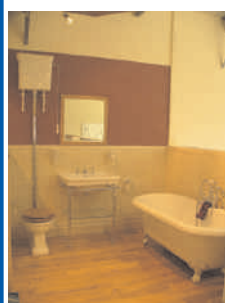
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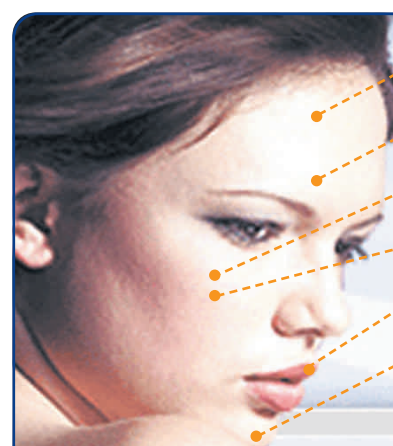
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Celebrate Christmas in Calais

BY NICK AMES AND MARIJKE COX

A CONTINENTAL Christmas is just an hour away as Calais celebrates a joyeux noel with festive wine, food and fun.

One of Europe's largest roller coasters forms the centrepiece of the celebrations which have transformed the town over the holiday season.

It was put up on December 1 and is open until January 6, it is in position outside the historic town hall.

A Christmas parade took place at the weekend, which marked the latest stage in the festivities which commenced on the last day of November, when the Christmas lights were switched on.

Starting at the Place Crevecoeur and finishing in the Place d'Armes, spectators watched a fire and light show as gipsy horsemen galloped by and traditional music played.

Refreshments were provided at the finale with the local delicious chicken soup – a speciality of the nearby village of Licques – top of the menu.

The last few days have also seen a spectacular circus called Zavata come to the town, which featured clowns, jugglers and other performers.

A special children's village opens on Saturday, which is created out of timber. Attractions include a roundabout, fishing for ducks and a skittle alley. There is also a crèche for younger children.

Also, from Saturday a 'land train' will take visitors across the town and drop them off at vari-



DELIGHTFUL: The Christmas market at Calais has become a great festive day out for many visitors

ous attractions. And for those with romance in mind, a horse-drawn carriage is another option to see the sights.

A spokesman for the town said: "This is the biggest Christmas extravaganza we have ever seen in Calais. We are really looking forward to welcoming our English friends and showing what we have to offer."

"For a long time, Calais has been associated with a quick trip across to bring back wine and beer – but there is so much more here. There is history, the local countryside and some very smart restaurants, bars and hotels."

"We also have a huge range of shops selling

the best of local produce – meats, cheeses, wines and handicrafts.

"This is our opportunity to showcase what we have to offer and give people the chance to appreciate a truly French Christmas just an hour away from the shores of England."

In France, Christmas is a time for family and for generosity, marked by family reunions, gifts and candy for children, gifts for the poor, Midnight Mass, and le Réveillon.

In northern France, the Christmas season begins on 6 December, la fête de Saint Nicolas.

The country also has its own unique Christmas traditions.

French children put their shoes in front of the fireplace, in the hopes that Père Noël will fill them with gifts. Candy, fruit, nuts, and small toys will also be hung on the tree overnight.

In 1962, a law was passed decreeing that all letters written to Santa would be replied to with a postcard. When a class writes a letter, each student gets a response.

And this being France, food is very much on the menu, with traditional turkeys and goose featuring as the main course, with the local pureed crab a particular Calais delight.

Delicious desserts include La bûche de Noël (Yule log), made of chocolate and chestnuts. It represents the special wood log burned from Christmas Eve to New Year's Day in the Périgord, which is a holdover from a pagan Gaul celebration.

Also popular is La Galette des Rois (on Epiphany) – a round cake which is cut into pieces and distributed by a child, known as le petit roi or l'enfant soleil, hiding under the table. Whoever finds la feve – the charm hidden inside – is king or queen and can choose a partner.



FESTIVE FAIR: Calais Christmas Extravaganza

Fact File: Calais

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Currency	Euros approx 1.425 to £1 (rate varies)
Region	Nord Pas de Calais
Language	French
Religion	Roman Catholic majority
Climate	Temperate

Visit details

You can get to Calais direct from Dover with P&O Ferries, or SeaFrance. Crossing times are about 90 minutes and foot passengers can take the free bus straight into the centre of the town.

NorfolkLine sails to Dunkerque, which has its own Christmas programme, but Calais is just a short drive along the coast.



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CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Honest view about retrograde art (8)
6 Wife initially gives assistance to pups (6)
9 Thrifty girl removed fur first (6)
10 Fundamental part cut short of a potato perhaps (4-4)
11 Seeing good girl reflectively here (7-5)
13 Can be linked to this gang (5)
14 Bend one's knee to get information on flu etc. translated (9)
17 Way first for churchgoer (9)
19 Odd but amusing (5)
21 Least space in which to wash one's hands? (8,4)
24 Pearls ie scattered on lattice-work (8)
25 Chucker-out does not finish the jump (6)
26 Curtain project (6)
27 Dismissing as contagious (8)

DOWN

- 2 Started part that was sharp-tasting (4)
3 Divine swimmer? (9)
4 Run fast, go quietly round everybody (6)
5 Call it fifth-rate wood-destroyer (7)
6 Unlawful, incorrect with three-quarters complete (8)
7 Do better making excellent start (5)
8 Not well for a short time and is easily beaten (4,6)
12 Lullabies? (5,5)
15 Boastful person making a lot of noise with the feature (9)
16 Sticking notice on, he is upset (8)
18 Thus Rita was held up inside - that's ironic (7)
20 Deep cavity at last for marsupial (6)
22 Released part of contract (5)
23 Old Bob is able to glance (4)

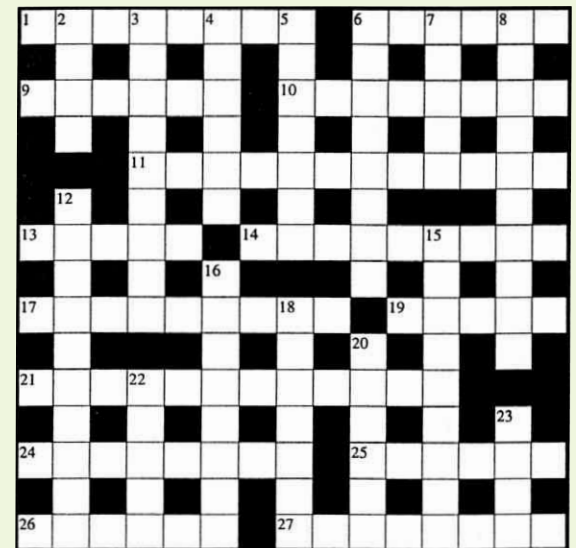
QUICK CLUES

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6 Pillar (6)
9 Typewriter key (6)
10 Fence of stakes (8)
11 Photographic slide (12)
13 Glean (anag.) (5)
14 Deadlock (9)
17 Wandered (9)
19 Brush (5)
21 Hurry (4,2,3,3)
24 Nervous person (8)
25 Extinct primate (6)
26 Inscribed (6)
27 Tolerance (8)

DOWN

- 2 Anticipation (4)
3 Athletics event (9)
4 Polish capital (6)
5 Down payment (7)
6 Blameworthy (8)
7 Cotton thread (5)
8 Decimation (anag.) (10)
12 Amount saved (10)
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16 Joined again (8)
18 Relating to morals (7)
20 Horrified (6)
22 Covered entrance (5)
23 Hospital room (4)



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SOLUTIONS

ACROSS: 1 Shadowed 6 Column 9
2 Covered entrance (5)
3 Hospital room (4)
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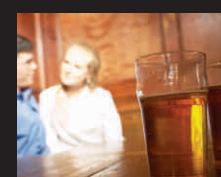
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AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

YOU could get lots of acclaim at work by conserving the company's resources. This is also a good time to hire extra help or invest in time saving machinery. A new group of people could make their way into your life. These friends could prompt you to expand your intellectual horizons. A female executive is poised to award you a plum position.



TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

YOUR creative juices are flowing fast and furious. If inspiration strikes, stop what you're doing and focus your intuitive insight on this bright new idea. An exciting new phase of your love life begins this week. Money could come your way. Save it to travel or study, as 2008 will be rife with opportunities to do both.



LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

PUTTING a little extra overtime can help your festive financial outgoings. You'll be in a better position to enjoy a romantic affair. Take care that you don't repeat past mistakes by showering expensive gifts on your amour. If this person truly cares for you, they won't demand expensive gifts and goodies.



SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

HELP with an ethical matter will be forthcoming this week. Follow an older person's advice regarding a hostile situation. A new source of income could come your way. Don't let a romantic partner or child persuade you to cancel business plans. You've got to seal this deal now, while the client is still keen. Friendship could turn to romance.



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

AN exciting career opportunity could come your way. Although the prospect of assuming a powerful position is daunting, it's also exciting and energising. Don't let anxiety stop you accepting an impressive job offer. Celebrate your good fortune by taking a glamorous trip with your beloved. Snap up the objects of your desire this week.



GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 22)

A NEW phase of a close partnership begins this week, but you'll feel torn between your personal and professional lives. You could get into a heated argument with someone who seems paralysed with indecision and you're tired of being kept in limbo by their indecision. Fortunately, friends and family are squarely behind you.



VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

FRIENDS can relieve you of dreaded chores in the countdown to Christmas so don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it. If you want to move or buy a new home, the next two weeks are ideal. Someone who is afraid that they can't move a property during the festive season may be anxious to cut you a deal.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 21)

REVAMPING your looks puts you in the mood for the holiday season. Don't be surprised if an important executive starts throwing admiring glances your way. Trying to talk sense to an irrational relative will prove an exercise in futility so postpone this until after Christmas. Exerting your iron will could result in a journey or a new venture.



ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

RETURNING to school or embarking on an extended trip will open new worlds for you. This is a mixed blessing as you're having so much fun at home. Still, you can't afford to pass up an opportunity like this. Fortunately, your friends and family are poised to give you a push. Look to them when you start feeling jittery.



CANCER (Jun 23 - Jul 23)

IF IT has been difficult to broach a sensitive subject in the past this week brings a heaven sent opportunity to have a serious talk and get things sorted out before Christmas. A new job opportunity could fall into your lap and it may involve the chance to work from home or even give you a green light for starting your own business.



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

YOU can be a real power behind the scenes this week. Resist the lure of the spotlight, as you'll make much more progress working in the wings. An erratic colleague could start getting on your nerves now so be sure to make your wants and wishes crystal clear. That way you won't be implicated in any mistakes they might make.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)

JOINING forces with a partner over an ethical matter is wise. When the opposition sees they are outnumbered, they will take the honourable route. You may crave solitary pleasures over the next two weeks. This could prove problematic with Christmas on the horizon. You must set boundaries if you're going to find time for the activities you love.

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SATURDAY: STRICTLY COME DANCING (6pm): The pressure is on as the remaining celebrities compete for a place in the final. All that stands between them and the final are three routines, including an Argentine tango.
SUNDAY: ROBIN HOOD (4.05pm): As Robin joins the quest to unravel the coded clues leading to the mysterious Thesaurus Patriae, Marian decides to act alone in helping Locksley villagers.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: THE CULTURE SHOW (6.10pm): The show's presenters look at the highlights of 2007, choosing their favourite moments.
SUNDAY: EARTH: THE POWER OF THE PLANET (7pm): Dr Iain Stewart travels to surfers' paradise Hawaii to learn more about oceans, explaining the difference between waves, tides and currents.

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SATURDAY: THE X-FACTOR FINAL (7.15pm): The remaining three acts are joined by judges Simon Cowell, Sharon Osbourne, Dannii Minogue and Louis Walsh.
SUNDAY: PARKINSON: THE FINAL CONVERSATION (9pm): The talk show host rounds off his career with a bumper helping of chat, including Peter Kay, Sir Michael Caine, Sir David Attenborough and Dame Judi Dench

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SATURDAY: 100 GREATEST FUNNY MOMENTS (9.15pm): A selection of slip-ups, laughs, gaffes and forgotten gags from chat-shows, hidden camera stunts, internet viral attachments and stand-up comedy spots.

SUNDAY: ADDICTED TO PORN (11.25pm): Documentary examining the nature of porn addiction and its human costs, as well as exploring the growing evidence that the condition has a chemical basis.

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SATURDAY: GREMLINS (5.45pm): Although Steven Spielberg ensures things don't get too nasty, this remains a wonderfully anarchic affair that is probably one of Hollywood's blackest mainstream hits.

SUNDAY: CLOSER (9pm): This all-star relationship drama follows a quartet of absurdly beautiful London urbanites.

I didn't want to be the next Ken Barlow

■ BY BEN FALK

THERE are plenty of ways to be killed off in a soap, but being bludgeoned to death with a spanner by your on-screen daughter is pretty final. Such was the fate of actor Thomas Craig, who played Coronation Street mechanic Tommy Harris, in 2005.

"The initial contract was six months and I did two and a half years," says the 44-year-old, who obviously holds no grudges. "It was their decision."

In fact, dying was something of a release for Thomas who admits that he never wanted to be a long-standing cast member. "Who wants to be Ken Barlow?" he says.

It gave the father-of-two the impetus to move onto other projects, notably the new series of Blue Murder, in which he stars opposite Caroline Quentin's homely detective as a corrupt football agent.

"There's only half a dozen scenes, but it was a nice part," he says, from the backseat of a London cab, where he is on his way (and late thanks to terrible traffic) to pick up his children from school. He concedes he can't remember much of what he did in the show, other than "put on a nice suit and slick my hair", since he filmed the programme back in May.

"He represents a young footballer who gets murdered," he continues. "He's in the mix, because he's caught out lying to the police."

One suspects Thomas partly said yes because the role gave him a chance to talk about football, something he is more than



MOVING ON: Thomas Craig has no regrets about leaving Coronation Street after two and a half years

passionate about. Like his Corrie alter ego, he is a lifelong Sheffield Wednesday fan and tries to get to most games.

"I've got two kids now, so I've got to pick and choose my games," he says. In fact, although he acknowledges they are too young to fully comprehend the nature of fandom, he has been trying to slip a Wednesday shirt on them from time to time. "But my missus takes them off and tells me not to be stupid!"

Although he never played to a competitive level, Thomas has indulged a fantasy to compete professionally courtesy of Sky's reality show, The Match, in which he has taken part for the last three years. "I played

centre half," he remembers, proudly. "It was fantastic – 52,000 people at St James's Park."

While he may not have had the skill or pace to make it in footie, Thomas is enjoying an enviable career as an actor and doesn't regret his decision to quit his previous job as a plumber.

"I just got interested in it when I was about 19 or 20," he recalls. "I got involved in proper classes. The guy there said 'do you fancy drama school?' and I said yeah."

He went to the Academy Of Live And Recording Arts in London and after a three-year course found his way into the business as a supporting actor in shows like The Paradise Club, Casualty and Where The Heart Is. "My family thought I was crackers," he says. "Until I started appearing on TV, they didn't get it."

"I've always had a career where I work and then I don't work," he explains matter-of-factly. "It feels like I'm not successful, but I've just been out in Canada for four months doing a TV show out there (the forthcoming Murdoch Mysteries). I've not worked for a month and now I feel like I'll never work again!"

Now is concentrating on the future and is particularly excited about the Canadian show, in which he plays a police chief. The programme is made by the people behind The State Within and will broadcast over there, before probably transferring to UKTV Drama next year.

He's also looking forward to Christmas, which means a lot to him. "The last two Christmases I've done panto," he says. "But I'm not doing one this year, because I've not had a proper family Christmas for the past two years. This year it's going to be good."



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Performing is obviously in her blood; her great uncles are none other than Ray and Dave Davies from The Kinks, but she says she is not in contact with them, "nor are they any sort of stepping stone to stardom... unfortunately."

Currently involved in a number of projects, from soul to hip-hop, Laura is working with several musicians from both sides of the Atlantic.

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LAURA WARWICK: Jazz and soul singer's studio diary, shot during the recording of her latest song Paradise, provides a snapshot of Laura at work in the studio.

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Southern India on the menu at new curry house

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

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moment and dream up a revolutionary new product, the chances are your brainwave has either already been invented and mass produced, or it is an incredibly ridiculous idea.

All of which makes the emergence of the Coco Diner more mind boggling.



SPICY TREAT: Coco Diner in Chatham high street is opened by the mayor and mayoress

The restaurant, next to Gala Bingo in Chatham high street, is Kent's first southern Indian restaurant.

While hundreds if not thousands of eateries have popped up across the county offering tikka massala's and vindaloo's, not one has thought of bringing the curry-loving English public a taste of some of India's finest dishes.

Enter Jinu Mathew, the restaurant's proprietor and front of house specialist.

Mr Mathew said: "I have been working in the restaurant and catering field in London and India for the last decade. During all this period I noticed the misapprehensions in the Indian food scenario in the UK.

"In the last half-century curry has become more traditionally English than English breakfast.

Spices

"But until recently, all the available dishes were based on a couple of sauces, alternatively spiced up with chillies or cooled down with yoghurt.

"The resulting concoctions are more often than not devoid of any relationship with food as eaten in India.

"This sparked the concept of Coco Diner, where we are earnestly trying to reproduce authentic and healthy southern Indian delicacies that are almost alien to your tongue."

As much as I wanted to protest at the notion of being sold on the food equivalent of watered-down beer, the facts were all there.

I, like the majority of humble English folk, have been brought up on 'Indian' food, namely poppadums, curry, naan bread and pilau rice.

The Coco Diner takes things much further.

Drawing on the slow-cooking method of the southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, the cuisine is non-greasy and is free of any unnatural



colourings.

The chefs use a mix of coconut and a combination of spices to give each dish the unique southern flavour, which can be differentiated from any other region in India.

Highlights on the menu include starter Erachi Cutlet, made up of minced lamb cutlets made with mashed cassava, chopped onions, coriander and mint and coated with breadcrumbs.

Mains include Kori Gashi, a chicken breast dish sautéed in a paste of coconut and spices with fenugreek seeds, cinnamon and cumin, and Masala Dosa, a paper-thin rice pancake sandwiched with a filling of spicy potato.

Two of the top breads to enjoy are Parotta, cooked on a griddle with plain flour dough with milk and egg, and Uthappam, a circular-shaped rice pancake with onion and tomato topping.

Mr Mathew said: "Southern Indian cuisine is an unsung saga mostly due to its complexity and diversity.

"Though each of the four states in the south has its own exotic cuisine, they have some unique regional and religious delicacies.

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Agents join forces to help homeless

THE UK's estate agency industry is aiming to eradicate homelessness as it launches a new charitable organisation – the Estate Agency Foundation.

Homelessness continues to be a serious problem in the UK.

In 2006, 173,000 households were declared as homeless or living in unacceptable conditions. Meanwhile, on any one night there are about 700 rough sleepers on UK streets.

Peter Knight, chairman of Estate Agency Events, which founded the new body, said: "We desperately need to go right back to the roots of homelessness and work at eliminating the causes as well as helping those who are homeless.

This will take considerable resources, but I believe that by working as a collective we have a real opportunity to make changes."

Couples prove to be the most desirable

COUPLES are regarded as the most desirable tenants for landlords in the property investment sector, according to recent findings by the Mortgage Trust.

The survey also noted a sharp increase in the number of landlords looking to let to corporate tenants. This group is now being targeted by 27 per cent of landlords, compared with just 14.4 per cent in January.

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DON'T DO IT: Tacky, over-the-top exterior decorations will spoil the first impression made by your house and can seriously impair the chances of a sale

Don't hide your home behind tacky decorations

■ BY NICK AMES

HOMEOWNERS looking to sell up this festive season should turn off the Christmas lights if they want to turn on the housing market.

According to recent research by industry analysts propertyfinder.com, many would-be sellers ruin the appeal of their homes with over-the-top exterior seasonal decorations.

A massive 76 per cent of home seekers said they would be put off buying a house which was over enthusiastically decorated while 36 per cent even said they would be put off buying a home if a nearby one was treated in the same way.

Only broken down vehicles outside the property were rated as more off putting.

Warren Bright, chief executive of the influential market experts, said: "Buying a home is

an emotive process, so first impressions are everything. An unappealing exterior definitely puts off buyers.

"At this time of year overenthusiastic adornment of properties is a real problem so sellers should beware.

"Outdoor Christmas lights are perceived as tacky and can cause prospective buyers to be put off the property – or even the whole area."

The survey found eight times as many people were worried about ostentatious exterior decorations as were worried about the interior.

However with the number of sellers expected to outweigh buyers in the coming weeks, the advice is to keep your interiors in pristine condition and ensure that any decorations you

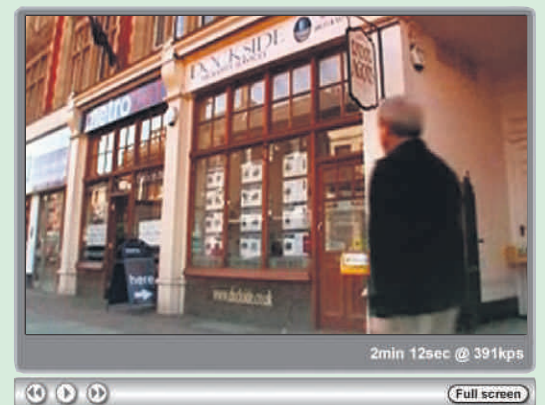
do put up are in keeping with the style of your home.

Mr Bright said: "Competition among sellers is going to be rife over the next couple of months and my top tip is to avoid bold statements. Prospective buyers like to see a neutral décor on which they could stamp their own identity. Christmas is no exception to this rule and decking your home with colourful flashing lights and tinsel is a big no.

"If you have a period property opt for traditional decorations in warm colours such as reds and golds, a modern home can accommodate sharper lines and cooler colours such as silver and blue. If you have a warehouse flat you should go for minimal decorations.

"Sellers need to know what type of buyer their property would appeal to and tailor their Christmas decorations accordingly."

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A semi detached chalet style bungalow. Hallway, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, and shower room on the ground floor together with three bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor. Gardens to front and rear, driveway providing parking for one car.

£249,950**ASH**

A well appointed Grade II listed family house. Entrance lobby, sitting room, kitchen, dry cellar, utility area, drying room, study, a 4 bedrooms, 2 shower rooms and bathroom. Gardens to front and rear, parking for two cars.

OIRO £439,500**EASTRY**

A modern detached house. Sitting room, dining room, cloakroom, four bedrooms, shower room and bathroom. Gardens to side and rear, garage and parking.

£329,950**PRESTON**

A detached modern house. Four bedrooms, master with adjoining shower room, family bathroom, two reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen and cloakroom. Garden overlooking farmland to the rear, garage and parking.

GUIDE PRICE £415,000**TILMANSTONE**

A three bedroom detached bungalow. Hallway, sitting room, conservatory, fitted kitchen/breakfast room, bathroom and separate WC. Lawned gardens to the front and side of the property, detached garage and parking.

£269,000**MARGATE**

Mid terrace Oast House conversion. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, study, L-shaped sitting/dining room. Attractive gardens, garage and parking.

OIEO £340,000**HOATH**

A detached 1930's bungalow IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT with two bedrooms, two receptions, kitchen, bathroom and lean-to utility. Driveway with parking, single garage, gardens and grounds. In all approx. 0.44 ACRE.

GUIDE PRICE £299,950**ST. NICHOLAS AT WADE**

A Grade II listed period cottage situated in the heart of the village with Sitting room, kitchen/dining room, garden room with vaulted ceiling, cloakroom and cellar. Master with en-suite bathroom, four further bedrooms, study and family bathroom. Delightful, mature garden with dove cot and garden shed.

GUIDE PRICE £450,000**DENSTROUDE**

A detached home converted from two cottages with utility, cloakroom, kitchen/dining/family room, sitting room, master with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms, bathroom and attic room. Annexe with one bedroom, sitting room to include kitchenette and shower room. Approx 2 1/2 acres.

GUIDE PRICE £675,000**STURRY**

An attached period house with a wealth of period features in need of modernisation and updating. Four bedrooms, two attic rooms, two receptions. Enclosed, mature garden.

GUIDE PRICE £270,000**BARHAM OUTSKIRTS**

A detached family house with three bedrooms, two receptions, boot room/scullery, attic room. Enclosed garden - NO CHAIN.

GUIDE PRICE £225,000**UPSTREET**

A three bedroom semi-detached spacious older house with accommodation comprising entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen and conservatory and a bathroom. Rear garden approximately 21.34m (70')

GUIDE PRICE £180,000**HERNE COMMON**

A modern end of terraced house with sitting/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms. Rear garden, allocated parking.

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Chrysler dealer's offer of All-Star Weekends

DUTTON Forshaw Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge at Broad Oak Road, Canterbury is running a test drive promotion that could win one lucky motorist a car worth up to £30,000.

All-Star Weekends runs until December 31 and dealer principal Lynne Kennard said it highlighted a wide range of cars sold by the dealership.

"From MPVs (pictured – Chrysler PT Cruiser), family saloons and executive estates to compact SUVs and full-size 4x4s," she said.

Lynne added that savings of up to £2,000 are available on some models, while a day's free off-roading and driver training is on offer to anyone buying a car from her dealership this weekend.



'New Jaguar' styling now given to X-Type

A RADICAL new mid range Jaguar, the XF model arriving in the spring, has meant some re-working for other models in the line-up.

The big XJ saloon has already had some tweaks and now it is the turn of the baby of the range, the X-Type saloon and estate.

The 2008 version has a bold single mesh grille plus new bumper and lower air intakes and an uprated interior, plus the new option to twin the acclaimed 2.2-litre diesel with a six-speed auto gearbox.



Insignia is new face of Vauxhall's old favourite

VAUXHALL has released the above picture to build interest ahead of replacing the Vectra next summer and renaming it Insignia.

The new label will also be packaged with a move upmarket for this key model, recognising that Vauxhall must now do battle with German executive cars as well as fending off its old sparring partner, the Ford Mondeo. Ominously, Ford has already taken the same step with the all-new Mondeo launched to acclaim and booming sales earlier in 2007.



GROWING UP FAST: Despite being launched only three years ago, the Picanto is Kia's oldest car and has been given a makeover, putting it at the forefront of value and reliability

Picanto makeover shows Kia has high ambitions

ROAD TEST KIA PICANTO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This model was chosen for the new-look car's debut – the 'base' Picanto, Picanto 2 (from £6,795) and Picanto 3 flagship (£7,995) are not with us until January – and looks unbeatable at the price for driving quality and economy with five doors plus decent spec with air-conditioning.

Despite compact dimensions and, therefore, a necessarily short wheelbase, the Picanto delivers a decent ride and drive.

With just 64bhp from the mainstay 1.1-litre engine, it is never going to be a ball of fire – it takes 15 seconds to hit 60mph – but the car's average of 50-plus mpg is far more relevant in this class.

Those seeking even better economy will be interested in the January's £5,995 entry model; the Picanto pure and simple has a 61bhp 1.0-litre engine capable of averaging nearly 60mpg and runs on smaller 13-inch wheels for lower rolling resistance.

With further weight-saving measures such as having just four seats, this has brought that model's emissions down to just 117gms/km – good enough to get into the vehicle excise duty band-B and qualify for exemption under proposed London congestion charge revisions.



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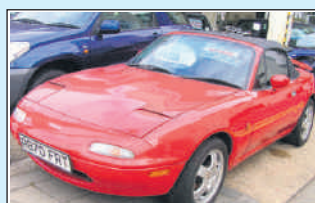
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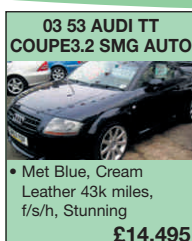
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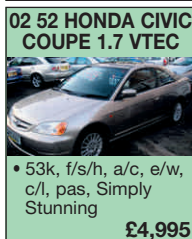


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FORD GALAXY



IF Renault's Espace distilled the essence of the people carrier, Ford mass-produced it. The 1995 vintage Galaxy and its cloned sisters, the VW Sharan and Seat Alhambra, sold in big numbers helped by a combination of style, space and car-like handling. The fact that the Ford soldiered on for 11 years, helped by a superb makeover in 2000, is a tribute to the design. Reliability on early examples is increasingly flaky so post-2000 diesels are the pick of the used crop.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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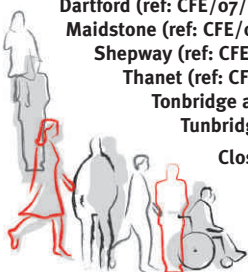
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Hi-tech crime is given low priority, says forum

BUSINESS leaders in computer security have criticised the Government's efforts to tackle online crime.

Members of the Corporate IT Forum, a body of information technology experts, have complained that, since a Government reshuffle of police units, e-crime against companies has been on the increase.

Since the National High Tech Crime Unit was incorporated into the Serious Organised Crime Unit in 2006, local police forces have been given the job of dealing with complex online crimes – a task that security experts say they are under-trained and under resourced to deal with.

David Roberts, chief executive of the Corporate IT Forum, said the resources allocated by the Home Office to tackle electronic crimes were not sufficient.

"It's a practical nonsense," said Mr Roberts.

"You can imagine the response an IT officer would get reporting a complex attack at their local police station – how is your local PC going to cope?"

"It's a damning indictment of how little the Home Office understands 21st-century hi-tech crime."

The criticism comes after a series of security breaches involving Government information systems, the most serious of which was the loss by HM Revenue and Customs of computer disks containing the personal details about 25 million child benefit claimants.

Wheels on the bus set to keep going round

BUS company Stagecoach, which operates services across the county, has reported a nine per cent increase its half-year profits and says that the long-term future for public transport prospects remain positive.

Pre-tax profits rose to £84.6m in the six months to October 31, with revenues up to £821m.

Stagecoach said increasing car congestion and a growing focus on environmental issues would help to attract more passengers to its services, which also include trains.

The company said it planned to spend £71m on 584 new buses across the UK in the immediate future.

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Poor are victims of exploitation

By NICK AMES

ENERGY companies are exploiting some of society's poorest people, according to an industry watchdog – which has accused them of being "morally bankrupt".

Customers with pre-payment meters are paying hundreds of pounds each year more than those with access to cheaper tariffs.

The meters are most frequently used by people who do not have a bank account and can incur costs of more than £300 above the normal annual rates for electricity and gas.

Meanwhile, those who can pay by direct debit can save almost £200 a year on set fees, says Energywatch.

Chief executive Allan Asher said: "That they should ramp up the rates and exploit those with no access to alternative payment methods is morally bankrupt."

Industry regulator Ofgem said companies looked to install the meters when a customer had problems paying bills.

They are most common in rented accommodation and nationally there are 3.5 million electricity meters and 2.2 million gas ones.

Energywatch has also discovered the numbers being installed are soaring year by year, with some 580,000 new ones set up last year.

The group claims the industry is making close to £300 million a year in revenue from customers on the pre-payment meters.

Recent figures reveal that between 2003 and 2006 gas bills rose by a staggering 94 per cent and electricity costs by 60 per cent.

Last year saw the average home charges top £1,000 for the first time.

Mr Asher said: "Consumers without internet or banking facilities are excluded from better deals. These figures show that the welcome actions by some suppliers to combat fuel



EXPENSIVE: Pre-pay meters are said to be costing users up to £300 a year more than regular energy customers

poverty are offset by the extra costs and poorer service inflicted on those forced into prepayment charges.

"Another industry where the poor are exploited is the personal credit market, where poorer people are forced to pay much higher rates of interest. Energy companies, who are providing essential-for-life services, should take no comfort from such a comparison."

But the body representing suppliers defended the use of the meters saying they gave cus-

tomers more control over the amount of energy they use.

Duncan Sedgwick, chief executive of the Energy Retail Association, said equalising tariffs would be "a blunt instrument to tackle a much more complex issue".

He claimed the real issue was how best to look after the interests of poor and vulnerable consumers, and a raft of measures were in place to do this, including grants for free insulation and financial help for those in debt.

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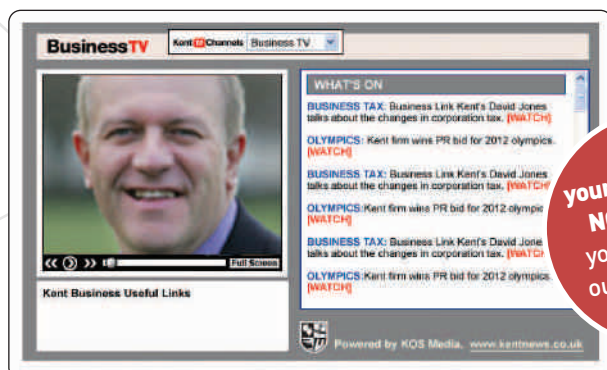
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GOOD WIN: Dover battled the elements to pull off a fine victory over a strong Winchester side

Vase battle sees Dover progress

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Dover 31 Winchester 18

DOVER progressed to the next round of the EDF Senior Vase with a strong performance in atrocious conditions against a well organised Winchester team.

The early play was in the visitor's favour and their bulky forwards caused havoc in Dover's 22. The defence was strong but it was eventually breached when Winchester's forwards drove over to open their account, although the conversion was missed. Dover responded well and a superb break by the three quarters saw centre Lee Tonks put into space and he darted the distance to touch down with Martyn Beaumont doing the honours with the conversion.

Winchester again piled on the

pressure and they took the lead with a drop goal. Ben Murray was sin binned for a professional foul and the home side then lost Ed Close to a mouth injury, leaving Dover with only 13 players. A clever kick to the corner saw Winchester increase their lead with the winger sprinting through to touch down.

Dover started the second half well and Dale Tonks scored a well-worked try after a solid forward's platform, which Beaumont converted.

Dover increased the pressure and Ben Murray was next on the score-

sheet following a superb passage of play between him and Jamie Townley.

The visitors defended well but their efforts were dented when outside-centre Jamie Townley touched down in the bottom right corner.

Winchester fought back and scored a well deserved try and fortunately for Dover, the kick struck the upright.

With 12 minutes remaining, Dover needed another score to kill the game and it came courtesy of winger Ricky Mackintosh whose power and pace saw him touch down in the corner.

Dover meet the Deal Lions at Crabble in their final league game before the Christmas break.

Youngsters claim trophies

FOLKESTONE Cricket Club held an annual awards ceremony at the Westbrook Preparatory School to celebrate youngsters' achievements last season.

Biff Sharrock won player of the year for the under-13 team that went the whole campaign unbeaten in both the Saxon Shore Indoor and Outdoor League.

Tom Morrissey won under-11 player of the year and collected a trophy for his side, who were Saxon Shore Plate winners.

Elsewhere, there were trophies for Hugh Bernard of the under-11s, Michael Winstanley of the under-13s, Jamie Dawes and Ryan Hall from the under-15s and Bradley Goodsell won clubman of the year.

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Action from an exciting clash for the Invicta Dynamos at Gillingham Ice Rink

Manager of the month – again

HYTE Town manager Paul Fisk has been awarded the Kent Premier Division manager-of-the-month for the second time this season.

Fisk guided Hythe to six wins in November, which has moved them into league contention in fifth place, with six games in hand on leaders Beckenham. He also picked up the award for the month of September.

The six-game unbeaten run included the 8-1 thrashing of Erith & Belvedere, where in-form striker Buster Smisen scored four goals to take his tally for the season to 19 goals.

After the postponement of the game against Deal Town on Saturday, Fisk's side will have a strong test this Saturday against second-placed Thamesmead Town. A win for Hythe could see them rise one place to fourth. Thamesmead have only lost two games so far this season and are eight points clear of Hythe, but have played three more games.



ON FIRE: Frannie Collin scored twice to keep Dover at the top of Ryman Division One South after a 3-0 win against Worthing



SETTLING IN: Alan Pouton is enjoying his time at Crabble, after a switch from the football league

Pouton's hopes for high-flying Dover

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 3 Worthing 0

FORMER Grimsby and Gillingham midfielder Alan Pouton believes Dover Athletic can go far under the control of Andy Hessenthaler.

Pouton has just recovered from injury and started for the first time against Walton & Hersham in last Monday's 3-0 win.

The midfielder who has played 100 games for League Two side Grimsby and 44 games for Gillingham is only happy to give guidance and his knowledge of the game to young players in the squad, as the Whites hope for promotion. He is glad to be playing football once again,

after a knee injury cut his professional career short at the age of 30.

A happy Pouton said: "Definitely it's a different set-up. I am glad to be back and able to play football again. It is nice that the young lads at the club listen to you and ask for your knowledge and experience. We have got quite a lot of young lads here, apart from two or three, who are willing to listen and learn which stands the club in good stead for the future."

Pouton is enjoying his football at Crabble, but he thinks there isn't such a big gap between this level of football and the professional game.

He added: "Obviously there is a difference between this level of football and the football league. I think the difference is the decision-making of the players and that extra bit of fitness. There is a lot of talent out in non-league that could be playing in the football league, but it is that extra training and coaching that will be the factor for these players to move up."

With Dover four points clear in Ryman

Division One South, Pouton is hoping his performances can help the Whites win the league trophy.

He said: "I came down here because of Andy and I think we can get promotion this season. I am nearly 30 and have had injury problems. I love my football and am not here just to play, I want to win things with the club as well. As long as I am here I want the club to achieve as much as possible."

• Two goals from Frannie Collin kept Dover Athletic in control of Ryman Division One South, as they moved to four points clear after a convincing win against Worthing at Crabble. Shaun Welford scored his second goal in two games to seal the victory.

• A stunning 35-yard strike from Jon Wallis set Dover on their way to another league victory against Walton & Hersham last Monday. In a game with numerous scoring opportunities, Welford netted just before half-time to take the score to 2-0, which was the score at the final whistle.

Penalty puts Invicta down in bottom two

FOOTBALL

BY YOURDOVER REPORTER

AFC Horchurch 2 Folkestone Invicta 1

A LAST-minute penalty cost Folkestone Invicta a share of the points against AFC Hornchurch and they now find themselves in the bottom two of the Ryman Premier League.

A disappointed Invicta boss Neil Cugley said: "It was a very poor decision to give the penalty and it cost us the game. We played the best football we have played for a long time and deserved to get something out of the game. It was a very pleasing performance from my players."

Folkestone started the game with new striker Richard Shittu up front after FA clearance was given for him to play.

The striker, who has played in Poland for the last three years, put Invicta in the lead just before the half hour. He linked up with strike partner Leigh Bremner and fired the ball into the bottom corner.

Cugley added: "Shittu did very well up front with Bremner, but the pair have not had many games so they were getting tired towards the end of the game."

Invicta could have increased the lead on 74 minutes, when Charlie Glyde's shot was tipped onto the post by Hornchurch goalkeeper Dale Brightly.

However, they were forced to rue their missed chances, when Hornchurch equalised on 82 minutes as Simon Parker stepped up to put the ball in the net. James Everitt could have put Invicta ahead once again a minute later, but his shot came back off the post.

The bad luck continued for Invicta when the linesman flagged for a penalty for an infringement by Folkestone keeper Charlie Mitten on striker Amos Foyewa. Mark Janney stepped up and slotted in the winning goal.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

DENIED: Folkestone Invicta were denied a share of the points after a dubious penalty decision given by the linesman left Invicta in the bottom two of the Ryman Premier League

Lions ready for revenge clash

Picture: KARON GILLIES



REVENGE: Deal & Betteshanger will hope to put their past two defeats against Dover behind them and keep the pressure on league leaders Gravesend

REVENGE will be on the cards for Deal & Betteshanger as they hope to avenge the two defeats to Dover this season when they meet at Crabble this Saturday.

The Lions have had a week's break ahead of the fixture and will be raring to go to try and keep the pressure on London South East Three leaders Gravesend.

However, the captaincy will be passed to Wes Bull for the game against Dover following an injury to Mick O'Donnell.

Deal and Betteshanger boss Martyn Michael said: "Our last game [15-5 win against Dunstonians] was a good performance and we got back a win under our belts.

"For 15 minutes we didn't really threaten, but the team soon changed and showed us what they can do. A couple of fringe players were brought into the team and played very well.

"We have played every team

RUGBY

now in the league and have had a stable run in third position. Personally, I would like to see some changes made and a few more fringe players in the starting line-up. Obviously the rest of the coaches and managers would like to see the strongest team out fighting."

Michael has acknowledged Dover's good start to the season after their promotion to the division last year.

He said: "Full credit must be given to Dover as they have beaten us twice already this season. They are doing well and I would like to wish them all the best in their cup campaign. I would like to see them do well but not when they play us. We are three points from the top, but it is up to us, Dover and Lordswood to try and catch Gravesend."

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SPORT IN BRIEF

England captain coming to coach Folks Fillies

FORMER Folkestone rugby player and now England ladies captain Catherine Spencer, will host a training session at the club on Thursday.

Spencer was made England captain three weeks ago and began her rugby career at Folkestone. She will be putting the Fillies team through their paces in vigorous training session.

The Fillies team will be in action against London Irish under-15s in a curtain raiser for the England V USA ladies match this Saturday.

Positive league result for Optimist Hockey men

THREE goals paved the way for Folkestone Optimist Hockey men's 1st XI to their fifth victory of the season in the Kent & Sussex Regional League.

The result moves Folkestone to fourth in the league – just a single point behind third placed Blackheath, with a game in hand.

Folkestone have a break before their next league game. They will hope to continue their form when the league resumes on January 12 against Maidstone.

A win could be a top ten Deal breaker for Town

AFTER the postponement of their derby against Hythe Town at the Reachfields last week, Deal Town will hope to continue their good league form against Croydon on Saturday.

Town have only lost four games in the league this term and will hope to break into the top ten during the fixture-packed Christmas period.

A win for Derek Hares' side could put them eighth in the Kent Premier League. Croydon are sixth in the league with six wins so far this season, but have played three more games than Deal.

Boars sparkling form continues in 11th win

BOARS Head Diamonds maintained their 100 per cent record by securing their eleventh win of the season in a hard fought 5-4 victory against Three Cups in the Dover Darts invitational League.

Fourth placed Three Cups gave Boars Head Diamonds a strong test, but lost the final set in a close encounter.

Bull A kept the pressure on the top of the league Diamonds with a 6-3 win against third-placed Dublin Man of War.

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